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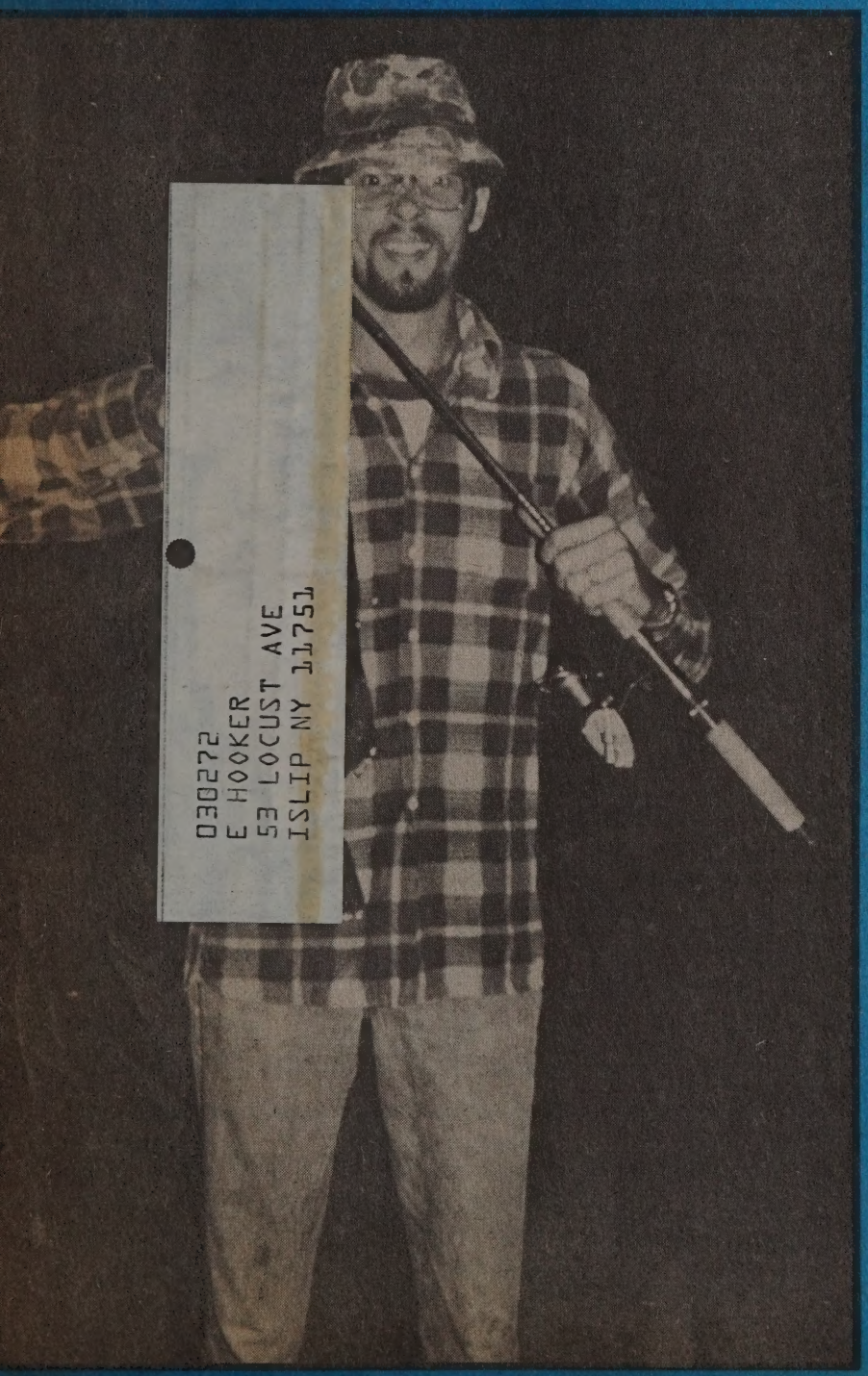

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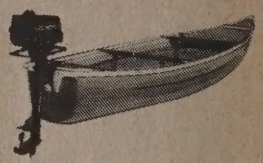

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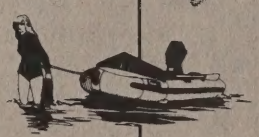

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John McCardell of Medford displays proof that Long Island lakes and ponds offer some quality black bass action. Freshwater fans were out in force last week for the season opener. For more about L.I.'s lesser known bass, see the article on page 28. Cover photo by Martin Garrell.

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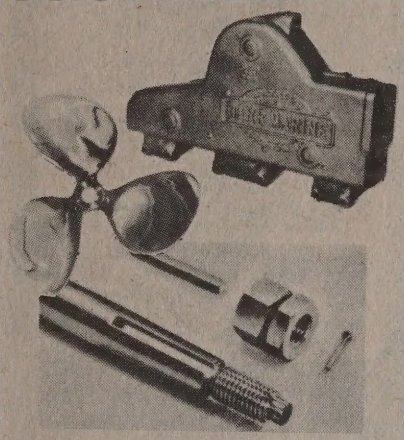

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Daiwa will conduct a **$50,000 Bluefish Derby & Fish-off,** starting July 4th and continuing through Labor Day weekend in the northeastern region, company officials said.

The big Daiwa derby will be run in the area extending from Galilee, Rhode Island, south through Toms River, New Jersey.

Daiwa will donate $1.00 out of each $6.00 entry fee to the National Coalition for Marine Conservation to help in the efforts to rejuvenate the declining East Coast saltwater striped bass fishery.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded every other week throughout the summer, in each of two geographic divisions. These bi-weekly winners will be selected from the largest bluefish caught, weighed and verified at over 35 official weigh-in stations.

The northern division extends from Galilee down to and including the north shore of Long Island, New York (north of U.S. Highway 495). The southern division runs from the south shore of Long Island (south of U.S. Highway 495) down to and including Toms River, New Jersey. It also includes Montauk, Long Island.

The Daiwa Derby starts July 4th. Bi-weekly winners will be selected July 18, August 1, 15 and 29. No registrations will be accepted after August 15.

All bi-weekly first place winners will be entered in the "fish-off" for the grand prizes to be held September 4 and 5 at a site selected by Daiwa. Their travel expenses to the fish-off will be paid by Daiwa.

Each first place bi-weekly prize winner will receive entry into the fish-off for Grand Prizes, a Daiwa Sealine rod and reel, a Plano 747 tackle box, Gott Tote 18 cooler, and a selection of Boone Bait fishing lures. In the event a First Place catch in the bi-weekly derby is made using a Daiwa Sealine rod and reel, the winner will also be able to chose from several bonus fishing trips in the northeast. These range from trout and salmon fishing on the Salmon River, to blue-water fishing off the Jersey coast.

Every second place bi-weekly winner will also win a Daiwa Sealine rod and reel, Plano tackle box and Boone Bait lure selection. Third place bi-weekly winners will receive Daiwa Sealine rods as prizes.

Finalists fishing in the fish-off on September 4 and 5 will vie for a $20,000-plus First Prize package, consisting of a Ranger 622, 22 ft. center console boat, a Ranger boat trailer, and fully rigged Evinrude 175 h.p. outboard motor and Lowrance CRG-1520 Grayline deep-water graph. The boat will be fully equipped with Daiwa tackle and $1,000 worth of Boone Bait lures.

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The the event that the First Place grand prize winner makes the winning catch on a Daiwa Sealine rod and reel, he or she will receive an all-expense paid trip for two for seven days to Casa Mar, Costa Rica.

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To enter the Daiwa $50,000 Bluefish Derby & Fish-off, an angler must use the official registration card from Daiwa. This can be obtained from local Daiwa dealers, or by writing to: Daiwa $50,000 Bluefish Derby & Fish-off Entry, P.O. Box 5418, Hicksville, NY 11816.

M.C.A. CHARITY SHARK TOURNEY UPDATE

The open berths for this year's M.C.A. Charity Shark Tournament July 10 and 11 are rapidly being filled. If you have not sent back your application, please do so now. If you would like to enter this contest, please contact Captain Fred Faro at (516) 668-5067 or write to Montauk Captains Association, P.O. Box 137, Montauk, N.Y. 11954

This year, as in the past, a total of $6,000 will be donated to charities, including two $1,000 scholarships awarded to local students wishing to attend Suffolk Community College. To make the contest interesting to the anglers involved, prize monies of $6,000 will be divided between the contestants weighing in the three largest sharks during the two day event. In addition, special trophies will be awarded, such as Pflueger's trophy for the largest mako, Custom Mount's award for the most tag releases and Griffith Marine Electronics donation for the most unusual catch as decided by our judges. Many other prizes will be awarded to the anglers involved, donated by more than two dozen merchants, manufacturers and tackle shops.

The officials for this year's Tournament will be the officers and committee from the M.C.A. Judging will be by Nick Karas, Newsday; Jerry Kenney, N.Y. Daily News; Ken Moran, N.Y. Post; Dr. W. Muller, The Long Island Fisherman and weighmaster Artie Frey, manufacturer of Ava jigs. The host this year,

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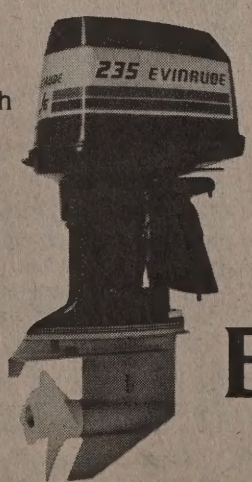

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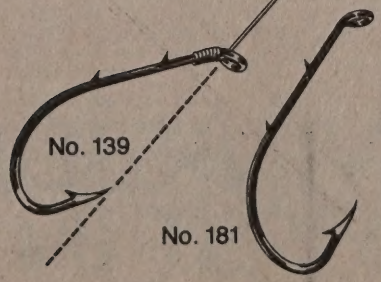

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Persons (male or female) interested in a Fall Safe Boating Course may register June 12, on main dock at Barren Island Marina.

Also, applications will be accepted for membership in the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary.

Flotilla 11-8 is proud to announce it has successfully constructed a VHF Doppler directional finder which will be used by the flotilla on patrols. We believe this will help us do a better job in emergency situations. Our thanks to Doppler Chairman, Dennis Platt, for a job well done.

For additional information, call Public Affairs Office 11-8 at (212) 741-0405.

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Serious fishermen interested in improving their skills with bass, trout, salmon, catfish, and other freshwater fish will find valuable advice and tips in the second edition of "Tom Mann's Freshwater Fisherman."

Designed for enthusiastic freshwater fishing fans who want to learn the secrets of seasonsed veterans, this all-new 80-page publication contains fourteen articles written by leading experts in the field. It gives anglers information on new methods, new lures, and new tactics, as well as older, tried-and-true strategies.

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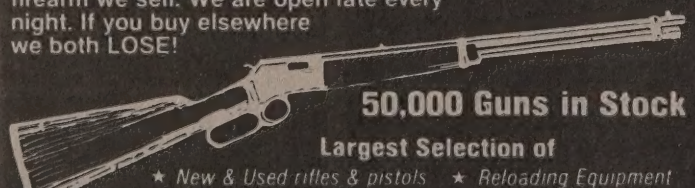

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"Tom Mann's Freshwater Fisherman" also contains articles on when and how to use sinkers for best results, spring salmon fishing, spotted bass strategy, and fishing in brackish water. "Freshwater Fisherman" is available at newsstands throughout the United States and Canada.

GREAT GUN ANGLERS HOLDING 6TH ANNUAL SHARK TOURNEY ©

The Great Gun Anglers' Sixth Annual Shark Tournament is being held July 10, 1982, with a rain date of July 11, 1982. A $100 entry fee is required per boat and any individual may enter. The prizes for the largest sharks will be as follows: 1st 50%; 2nd 30%; 3rd 20% of the prize money, awarded after an initial 20% for operating expenses has been deducted. For an informational brochure write Great Gun Anglers, Inc., Box 39, East Moriches, N.Y. 11940 or call Superior Bait & Tackle, (516) 475-8825.

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"During the past few years, a growing controversy has developed concerning the present and future needs of the nation's fishery and the most effective way to meet these needs. Because so many myths have been bandied about in discussing these vital needs, the method by which additional funding should be obtained and the role that AFTMA and its member companies should play in resolving this critical issue, we deemed it necessary to set the record straight by exposing these myths," stated Thomas R. Schedler, AFTMA Executive Vice President.

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Bi-weekly prizes will include a trip for two to a Northeast fishing spot, Daiwa Sealine® rods and reels and other tackle. Bi-weekly winners will also qualify for the right to compete for the Grand Prizes in the "Fish-Off" on September 4th and 5th.

First prize in the "Fish-Off" is a Ranger 622 boat with trailer, an Evinrude 175 h.p. motor, and electronics. Second prize is a Grumman 5.0 meter boat with trailer, an Evinrude 75 h.p. motor, and electronics. Other "Fish-Off" prizes include fantastic fishing trips for two to Casa Mar, Costa Rica, Plano tackle boxes, Gott coolers, Boone Bait lures and Daiwa Sealine® tackle.

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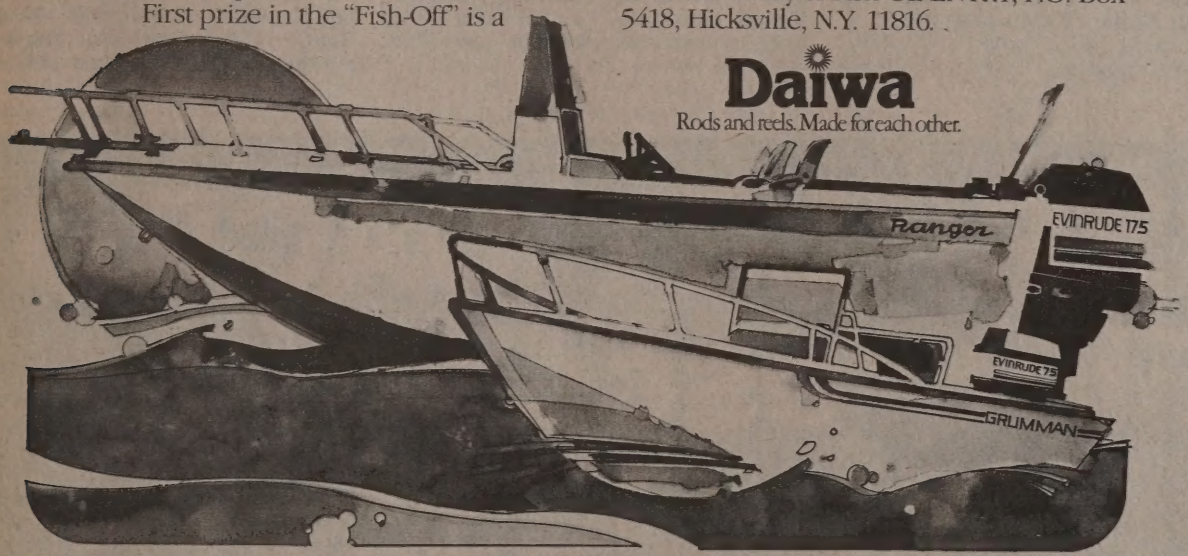

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solution to supporting the sport fishery; 2) the false idea that all states benefit proportionately under the plan; 3) that the tax is collected fairly and easily; and 4) that all fishermen are aware of the excise tax and pay their fair share.

"Publishing this pamphlet not only provides AFTMA with an opportunity to present the real facts on these critical points, but also enables us to explode the myths that we're working against the protection and enhancement of our national fishery resources by opposing D/J expansion, and that we are shortsighted in not supporting a solution which will benefit our own members in the marketplace. Nothing could be further from the truth," said Schedler.

"The issue of proposed D/J tax expansion has polarized various segments of the entire outdoor recreational world and threatens to 'splinter,' at the expense of the resource, the various manufacturers, national fishing organizations, consumer fishing groups and others involved in 'America's Number One Sport'—fishing. AFTMA's paramount objective is to unify those common interests and to work harmoniously in concert to develop and promote a practical, equitable solution to this vital and complex issue," he emphasized.

According to Schedler, "AFTMA has recommended that a national study be undertaken and that a non-partisan Blue Ribbon Task Force should be appointed to more precisely determine the needs of our nation's fisheries, to evaluate and clarify fisheries' management objectives and to explore alternative solutions for obtaining the needed revenues on a more equitable basis for all concerned."

Individuals or groups desiring more information about the proposals for expanding the controversial D/J tax may obtain copies of the "Myths and Facts" pamphlet at no charge, by writing to the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association, AFTMA Center, 2625 Clearbrook Dr., Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005.

SHADY GULCH GUNS TAKES ON THE SUFFOLK COUNTY RANGE

What had been a losing proposition for the County of Suffolk is now trying to be turned around by the Shady Gulch Guns Corporation of Miller Place. This venture was losing over $80,000 per year for the County. The theory has it that private enterprise can do what the government can't. Let's hope they can, because if they can't, then the Range will be closed. This is the last ditch effort to keep the Range operating for the Trap and Skeet enthusiasts who enjoy shooting so much.

The shooters, on the whole, seem to be well-pleased with the new managment. Ken Bova, V.P. and Range Master, has been getting "good comments" from customers. He says that "almost everybody has complimented us on how we have improved service."

Every target throwing machine on the Range has been rebuilt, since the machines are 20-30 years old. "We've repaired, replaced, and rebuilt them to where they are tiptop."

The Shady Gulch boys are doing their best to provide a Class A operation. They know that their clubs and associations want top grade service and are doing their best to provide it.

A big plus for the Range has been the installation of a restaurant plus new kitchen equipment.

The Range has 13 fields; 11 are trap fields, 5 are skeet fields in combination with trap and 2 are for international trap only. Two of the skeet fields have had the machines modified for international skeet. They can be adjusted for international skeet upon request. All fields have been certified as meeting regulations for tournament shooting. It is the only range on Long Island open to the public with all this capability. Even so, they still are able to allow beginners and instruction groups to use the Range. Weekdays and non-tournament weekend afternoons are best for

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The Range, under the County was open 9AM-3PM and closed Monday and Tuesday. Now Shady Gulch has it open 7 days a week and will stay open 9AM-7PM as long as people are there to shoot. They will even open at 8AM if you will arrange enough in your group to warrant bringing people in. Ken or Eric are the men to arrange this with.

Shady Gulch has a second retail outlet operating as a pro-shop at the Range. All this bodes well for the trap and skeet shooters or just anyone who wishes to practice with a shotgun.

SEEING BENEATH THE SURFACE

The miracle of electronics is a very important part of today's fishing scene.

Depth finders—either flashers or graph recorders—can put more people onto good fishing spots than a native guide. Trouble is, say the fishing experts at Mercury Outboards, many anglers are more enthusiastic about buying a unit than using it to good advantage on a prolonged basis.

The average guy finds the novelty of a new finder wears off in a few months. If he regularly fishes the same body of water, he gets acquainted with general bottom contours within easy reach. He enjoys enough success working certain areas to maintain his interest.

And the depth finder becomes another ornament on the boat.

Finders are not the boon to fishing they could be. Not because they don't do the job. But simply because most owners don't exploit their full potential. The information they divulge is invaluable to every fisherman—water depth being the most obvious but less significant to the discerning. With correct interpretation of data provided by flashing signals or printed readouts, it's possible to explore and understand the depths.

Bottom types, major or minor underwater structure, and even species of fish and their size can be detected...how precisely depends on the observer.

Fortunately, there's plenty of literature available to help fishermen master the intricacies of these electronic "eyes."

The lesson: bone up, turn on, tune in and improve your fishing.

TWO NEW JOHNSON OUTBOARDS ADDED TO 1982 LINE

Johnson Outboards has introduced two new mid-year additions to its 1982 line of engines, both of which are expected to be popular among fishermen.

An electric start, tiller-handle-control 35 h.p. outboard and a high-thrust transom mount electric positioning motor are the newest models added to the Johnson 60th Anniversary line.

The new Johnson Sea-Horse 35 h.p. tiller electric will accommodate those increasingly sophisticated smaller fishing boats used for backtrolling and commercial purposes and where charged batteries for running lights and live aerated bait wells are needed.

Engine features include electric start at the engine, a tiller steering arm with a twist grip throttle control, programmed tilt lock, five amp alternator, start in neutral protection and a 20 inch gearcase.

If the need arises, because of a dead battery, the manual rope pull starter can be used to get underway.

Johnson Outboards also calls attention to its new 12 volt high-thrust transom mount electric positioning motor.

Not only useful for open fishing boats, the transom mount electric, according to the engineers, will be popular in areas where gas outboards are restricted. Use on canoes and as auxiliaries on small sailboats are other alternatives, Johnson engineers point out.

The unit weighs 16 lbs. and has a three position speed switch, 360° steering, forward/reverse-off switch, quiet operation, five tilt positions with a sixth position for high tilt lock and an offset motor tube for easy steering.

Engineering tests reveal the top speed setting of the new transom mount electric delivers 23 lbs. of thrust on a current draw of 34 amps.

CORTLAND LINE UNVEILS 1982 PRO SHOP CATALOG

Four new products are introduced in this latest catalog from Cortland Line: Cortland 444 SL Fly Line, 444 Intermediate Fly Line, a new larger capacity version of Cortland's LTD Graphite Fly Reel, and new Nylorfi Knotted Tapered Leaders.

The new 444 SL Fly Line is slightly stiffer than 444, resulting in longer casts, while its special formulation assures the "feel" that Cortland lines are famous for. New 444 Intermediate is a neutral density fly line designed to float when greased or slowly sink when left untreated. The LTD Graphite Fly Reel has been made even more versatile this year, by the addition of the large capacity model, capable of holding WF9F line with 125 yards of 20 lb. micron backing. New Nylorfi Knotted Tapered Leaders are hand tied to turn over beautifully for delicate presentation.

The new Cortland catalog also details the full array of other Cortland products including floating and sinking fly lines, specialty lines, graphite and fiberglass rods, reels and accessories. Everything from Cortland's best Black Diamond Graphite Rods to quality fly boxes is in this new Cortland Pro Shop Catalog, including in-depth specification information for each product. Get a copy at your local Cortland Line Pro Shop or by writing Cortland Line Co., P.O. Box 1362, Cortland, NY 13045.

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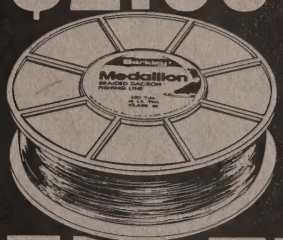

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SHARKER'S CHECKLIST

by Pete Barrett

Shark fishing grows with the dawn of each new season and many "first-timers" will be heading offshore this year with visions of high-flying makos, brute tigers or possibly exotic hammerheads. Chances are excellent that even on a first trip, a big trophy may hit the bait and get you hooked on sharking for many more years to come; but you could also lose that first big shark if you don't have the right selection of gear on board to handle him. Let's take a fast look at what most sharkers use.

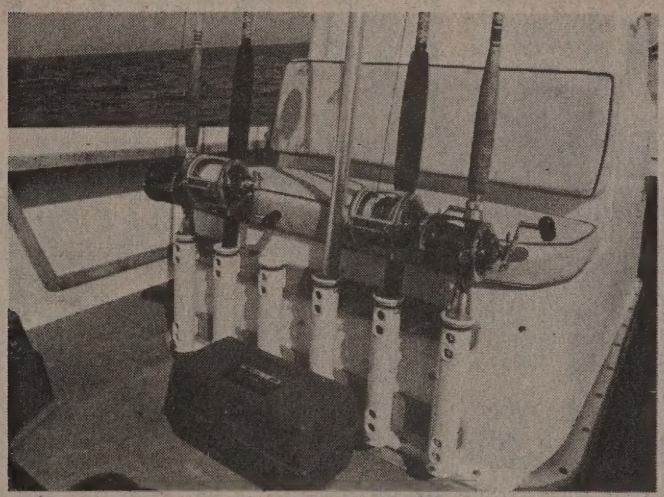
Rods and Reels run the gamut from 20 lb. class tackle to heavy duty 80 lb. winches. Most sharks can be taken handily on 4/0 to 6/0 reels with lines of 30 and 50 lb. test, yet those big tigers that we all hear about each year demand 9/0 reels filled with 80 lb. line. If you see small sharks in the chum slick, you can have a ball on light tackle. I've taken makos to 256 lbs. on 20 lb. tackle and many smaller sharks of less than 100 lbs. (that don't fight well on heavy stuff) on 12 lb. line to get a good fight from these smaller sharks. I carry a pair of light sticks that do double duty as light tackle shark outfits, and can also be used if blues show in the slick or if skippies start crashing the water all around us.

Line choices are usually monofilament for 30 lbs. and lighter, but dacron for 50 lb. test and heavier. Since most leaders are rigged at 15' in length, use the maximum double line allowed—25' for everything above 20 lbs. and only 5' for lines of 20 lbs. and less. Many light tackle sharkers are switching to 10' leaders and 10' double lines.

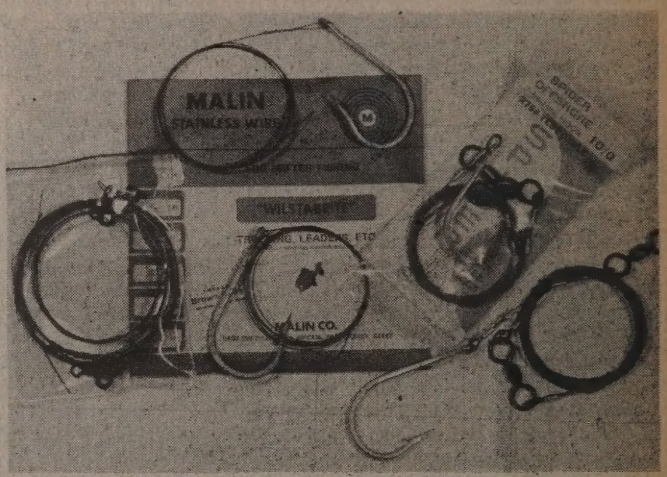
Leaders can be made of two materials: single strand wire of #10 to #14 or braided cable. Single strand kinks easily, but is easy to handle without special crimps and tools. A haywire twist connects it to hooks and swivels. Braided cable does not kink and many anglers prefer the cable for makos, but if you need to add an end loop in the cable you need a crimping tool. Cable is harder to use when rigging whole baits, but works superbly on fillet baits.

Many sharkers use two-piece leaders in the single strand wire to help reduce the tendency to kink the line while a mako goes bonkers in the air. Have at least 24 leaders ready.

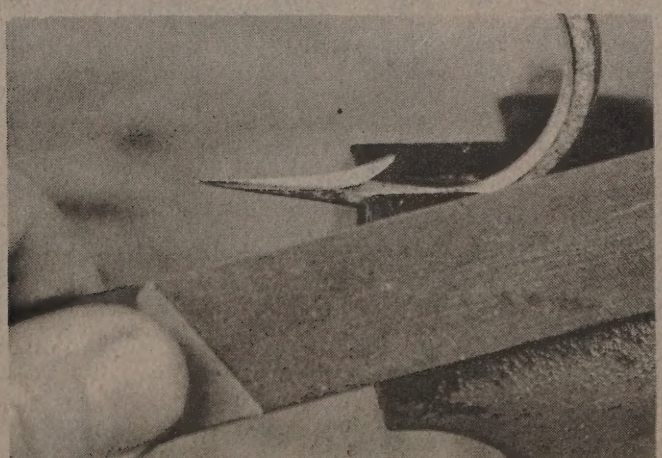
Hooks should be the Mustad #7699 with the offset rather than a straight shank trolling type hook. The #7699 does offer better penetration in these big fish. Sizes will run from 8/0 to



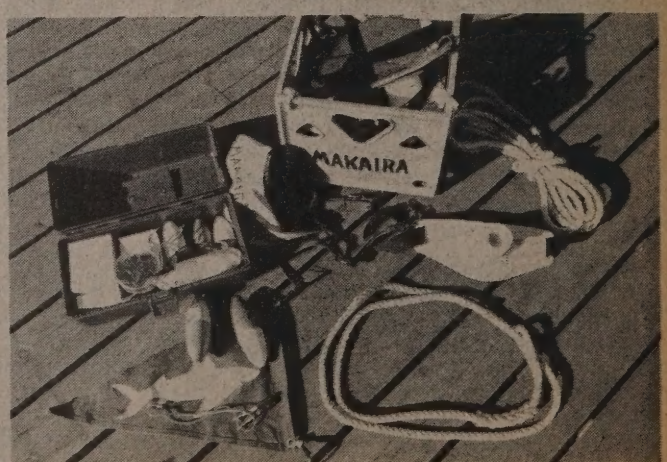
4/0 and 6/0 tackle is usually standard. Note rod rack that allows storage of rods in a vertical position while fighting a shark.



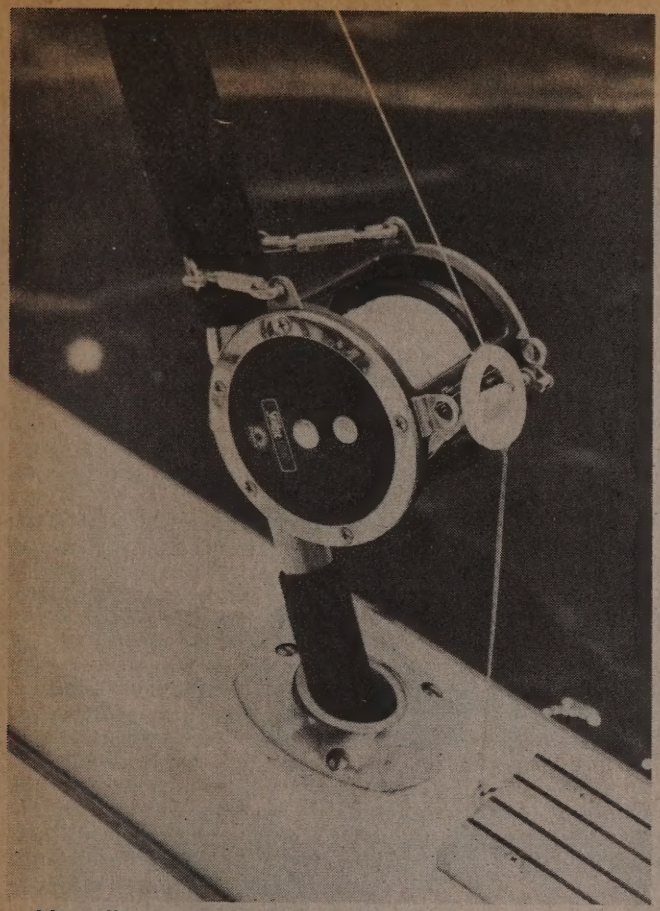
Leaders can be either single strand wire or braided cable. Single strand kinks easily but is easy to handle for rigging. Cable is more durable but requires a crimping tool to make a new leader.



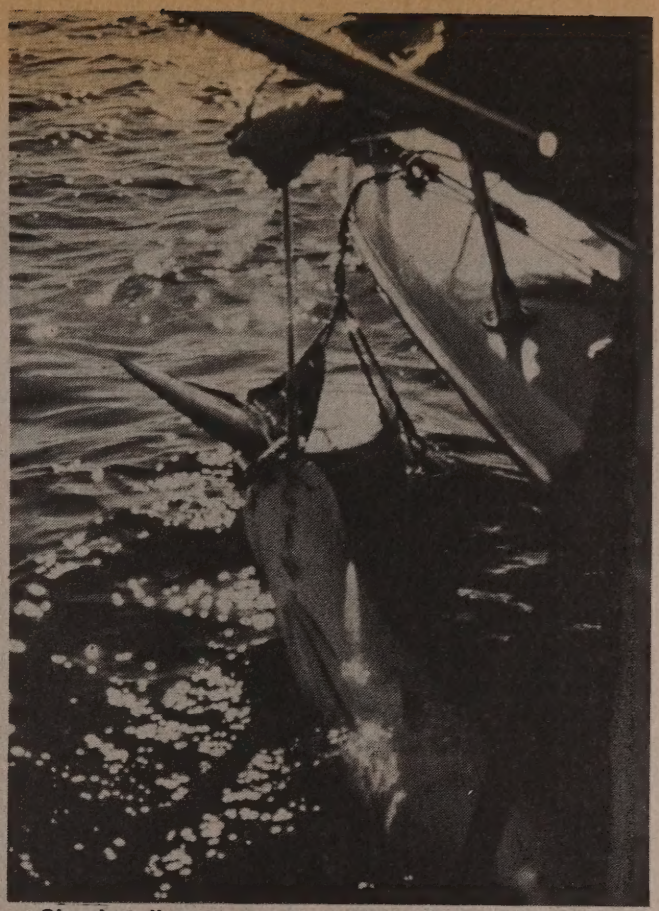
Mustad #7699 hooks are the best shark hook. Sharpen them to a razor edge with a Red Devil Scraper file.



Other accessory gear includes chum box, tail ropes, line clips, tackle box with extra terminal tackle, gimbal belts and a shoulder harness.

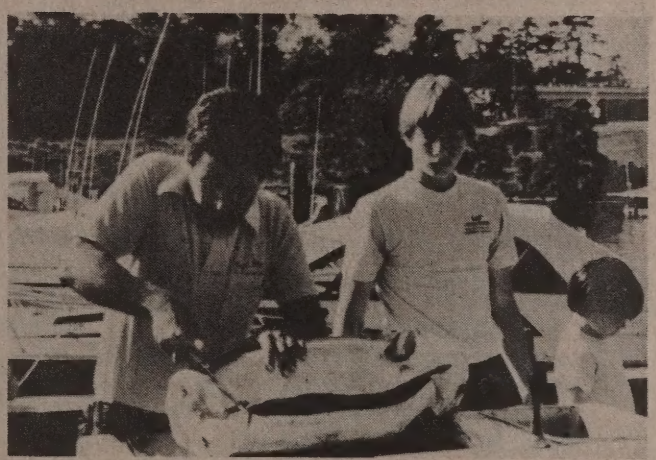


Line clips keep line from pulling off the reel as the boat rocks. Reels should be left in free spool with the click on.



Simple tail ropes are best. Nylon lines of 1/2 or 3/4 inch with eye splices at each end are the most effective ropes. Make them 6 to 10 feet in length.

Any shark not headed for the dinner table or a wall mount should be tagged and released.



Mako steaks are a delight to serve barcecued. Use a heavy duty knife to cut through cartilage. Keep a hone nearby to touch up the knife's edge which is quickly dulled by the tough mako skin.

12/0. I fish mostly fillet baits and prefer the smaller hook filed to a very sharp cutting edge and point.

Floats are used to suspend the baits at predictable depths in the chum slick. Styrofoam is the most often used float since chunks of it are available from from packing materials used to ship everything from stereos to motorcycles. Large cork floats are also available and don't litter the ocean with chunks of white plastic. Slide the float on the line before rigging the snap swivel or barrel swivel at the end of the line. Use a rubber band tied in an overhand knot at the point on the line where you want the float to stop sliding. Push the rubber band into the float to hold it in position until a shark strikes.

Accessories would include a set of gimbal belts, shoulder harness, a tackle box with extra wire, hooks, swivels, snaps, hook file, knives, and rigging needles. Fillet baits may be rigged with rubber bands, floss or copper wire to hold them in position so the hook is at the tail of the bait, the head end of the bait tied to the eye of the hook.

Line clips made from clothespins, or outrigger releases are helpful to prevent line from slipping from the reels as you drift in the chum slick. The rocking action of the boat will tug small bursts of line from the reel since they are left in free spool, with the clicker on, ready for a pick-up.

Gaffs should be the toughest you can buy. If you are new to shark fishing, you may be amazed at how a

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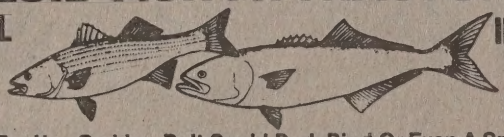

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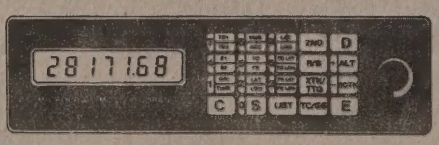

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100 lb. mako can make a pretzel out of a gaff that could easily handle tunas of two or three times that weight! A flying gaff is a must; so is an 8' gaff with a 4'' or 6'' bite and a smaller four footer with a 4'' bite.

Tail ropes are used to tie off the shark after you have hit him with the flying gaff or calmed him down with a lethal dose of 30-06. The best tail ropes are the simplest. Use 6' to 10' lengths of 1/2'' or 3/4'' nylon rope. Those fancy cable-cored ropes with shackles and too much extra hardware may lose you a fish. Six tail ropes are plenty: some are used to tie down a trophy on the transom or the deck for the ride back to the weighmaster. Put an eye splice in each end of the rope, pass either end through one loop to form a noose.

A Sea Anchor made from a 5-gallon bucket helps keep the boat squared in the slick as you drift. Canvas bags, the traditional sea anchors, are also good, though expensive if a shark decides he wants to sample it for dinner! Five gallon buckets are less costly and more durable for sharking.

The best **Chumming** setup has been described many, many times in our pages. In the early season when the water is still in the high 60s or just touching 70°, two buckets will last for the day. Later, three buckets are needed. If you don't like the plastic milk shipper's style container with the chum bucket dropped in upside down, use a net bag or resort to the old tried and true method of ladling the chum.

Despite IGFA regs that say you can't (or shouldn't) shoot a fish, makos are an exception. Makos with a flying gaff have a nasty habit of shaking their heads in a fury that scrapes teeth against sides of hulls or across decks. Guns can be dangerous: use caution. Bang sticks are a nice thought, but usually don't work like the text books say. It is a rare mako that holds perfectly still for you so you can get a good clean hit with the bang stick. More typically, the boat rocks, the fish rolls and there is no clear hit with the stick. If you try, you'll only get that fish real mad. A 30-06 or similar high-powered round will kill him quickly and cleanly, with no chance of damage to you or your boat.

Tagging sharks is becoming more common. Tags are available from National Marine Fisheries Service, Narragansett Labs, Ferry Rd., Narragansett, R.I. They are free. Write to Dr. Jack Casey. Any shark that doesn't come home to dinner can be tagged and released.

Two **Knives** are needed. A small 6'' to 8'' for working on baits and chunks to spice up the slick and a larger knife to carve up the mako steaks later at the dock.

In a brief pass, that's what you will need to shark fish if it's your first time out. After you have made a few trips, you'll no doubt modify this list, adding or deleting some things to suit your own particular style of fishing.

Good luck!

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FISH POISONING: An Unwanted Surprise

by Randy Berger, M.D. *& Michael Young,* M.S.,M.P.S.

Improper care of your catch can lead to more than just a poor tasting meal.

We all cherish health, but it requires some level of consciousness to maintain. As a sport fisherman, the fish you catch may bear influence on your own and another person's well being. It is part of your responsibility to deliver quality fish. This is a story about scombroid fish poisoning, a food-borne illness that can follow the ingestion of fish that are common to this area. Symptoms consist of intense throbbing headache, burning mouth sensation, nausea, vomiting, cramps, diarrhea, dizziness, facial swelling, flushing and rash. All symptoms may not be found in one affected individual. The poisoning is preventable.

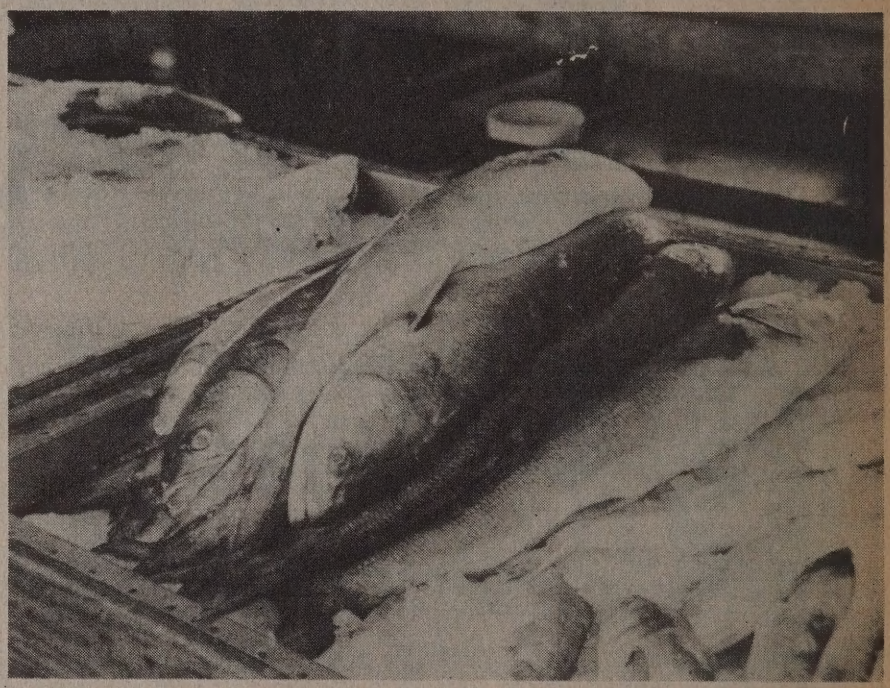
The key to the prevention of scombroid food poisoning is the proper handling of fish. Particular care must be taken with fish because it decomposes faster than other protein sources such as beef and poultry. The more active swimmers or pelagic fish have muscle tissue that is more highly vascularized than the bottom feeding or benthic fishes.

The muscle tissue of the active swimmer has a reddish or grey appearance as compared to the white appearance of the less active bottom feeders. This highly vascularized flesh decomposes more rapidly and must be handled with extra care.

Included in this category are the dark meat fishes of the family Scombridae (suborder Scombrodei) which includes tuna, mackerel, bonito, skipjack and albacore, among others. Related illness has also followed ingestion of bluefish and dolphin.

Scombroid fish poisoning is not isolated to a body of water. Outbreaks have been reported in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Michigan, Hawaii and Japan. Whenever the fish listed herein are improperly handled following their catch, the possibility of "scombrotoxin" formation exists.

Scombrotoxin is a chemical mixture of histamine, saurine and other related products. In Japan scombroid fish poisoning is associated with the dry fish delicacy, saury, hence the chemical name saurine. Scombroid fish contain a large amount of histidine in their skin and muscle tissue. Histidine is not the culprit in this story. Histidine is one of the



Getting fish on ice as soon as possible is the key to avoiding fish poisoning and to a fine tasting meal.

Leaving your catch out to bake in the sun is the shortest route to spoilage.

naturally occurring amino acids in our bodies. Histamine is formed by bacterial action on histidine. Histamine at low levels exists in our bodies. Larger amounts of histamine are released by our body in association with allergic phenomena. The symptoms related to scombroid poisoning is not an allergic reaction. An allergic reaction would involve the release of histamine by the body. In this case a toxic dose of histamine, and related compounds are being ingested.

Scombrotoxin is not present to a toxic level in fresh fish. Improper handling of fish allows certain marine bacteria, particularly Proteus species to multiply and break down histidine to scombrotoxin. Normal levels of histamine average around 3mg/100mg. Samples of fish from cases reported to the Nassau and Suffolk County Departments of Health had histamine levels ranging from 64mg/100mg to 300mg/100mg.

To date, there have been no reported fatalities related to scombroid poisoning. The symptoms usually occur within one hour after fish consumption. The affected fish may have a sharp peppery taste. Without treatment the symptoms usually disappear by eight to ten hours. There are antihistamine medications (which require a prescription) that have relieved symptoms within half an hour.

Refrigeration, either mechanically or by icing, is the most important factor in preventing the formation of the toxin by inhibiting the growth of the bacteria.

As a fisherman, you can safeguard your freshly caught fish by keeping them iced down in a drained insulated fish box, ice chest or similar insulated container. A slush of ice and sea water is another good refrigerant. If you don't have an insulated container, use ice with any covered container. As a last resort and if you don't have any ice, keep the fish covered with a constantly moistened cloth and out of the sun. The quality of the fish will be better if just kept moist and not in water.

Another factor in the keeping quality of fish is the evisceration or gutting of the fish soon after it is caught. Many bacteria reside in the intestinal tract of fish and contamination of the flesh can occur particularly if a gaff is used. The sooner the fish are gutted, the better they will keep.

The above factors apply to all fish; not just the ones involved in scombroid intoxications. As you well know, the fresher or better preserved the fish, the better it tastes when you eat it. Think back to the times that you've eaten fish that you've left in a bucket in the sun. That strong fishy taste is not the fault of the fish, but is the mishandling of a perfectly fine tasting fish. In addition, you could get an unwanted surprise in the form of a scombroid intoxication.

If you follow these simple precautions, you can protect yourself and others by the prompt and adequate refrigeration of the fish you catch and eat.

As a consumer and purchaser of fish from retail outlets, here are some hints to determine the freshness of the fish you buy:

1. Bright red gills, usually closed and no abnormal color; e.g., pale, gray or yellowish brown.

2. Bright full eyes with jet-black pupils and transparent cornea.

3. Scales that are adherent as opposed to loose.

4. Skin that is free from malodorous slime and not discolored.

5. Flesh that is firm to the touch.

6. Stiff body and rigid tail.

7. A carcass that will sink in water.

8. Clean gut cavity that is free from malodor.

9. Blood of normal consistency and fresh red.

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BREEZY POINT STRIPERS

by John Fritz

The month of June is considered by many surfmen to be the ideal time to begin an intense effort to land decent sized striped bass. Hundreds of Metropolitan Area anglers will journey to such highly regarded shores as Montauk, Cape Cod or Nantucket in search of these prized game fish. Surfmen lacking the opportunity to undertake such extensive trips will focus their attention on nearby beaches, a few of which will offer a reasonable chance of success. Thankfully the striper is at ease in a widely diversified habitat providing anglers using varied techniques the chance to catch this admired gamester. Many sharpies have their productive secret spots, but the average surf nut must confine his search to nearby beaches.

One of the better beaches in the New York Harbor area for striped bass happens to be part of the Federal Parks System and, therefore, open to everyone. With access thus assured, the Breezy Point section of Gateway National Park became a favorite place for bass.

Beach buggy owners have an edge when fishing this area, but don't let the lack of a vehicle deter you from trying your luck. Many regulars feel the prime fishing area is situated along the shore east of the inlet jetty, but worthwhile showings of fish have taken place off the beaches within walking distance of the parking areas. Riis Park and Fort Tilden are the areas accessible to those without buggies, but the distance from here to the jetty (approximately three miles), makes a hike along the beach difficult. The private community of Breezy Point makes access nearer the inlet challenging but not impossible.

Buggy operators must check in at the Ranger Office before proceeding to the beach. The office is located in the first building on the right as one passes through the entrance of Fort Tilden. This entrance is located on the first side road west of the foot of the Marine Parkway Bridge or to put it another way, on the eastern boundary of the Fort. Four-wheel drive vehicles making their initial appearance of the year at the park will be inspected for the proper off-road equipment and issued a free permit. The procedure then is to receive a key to the lock barring passage to the track which ultimately leads to the oceanfront adjacent to the inlet. Newcomers will receive directions and instructions before leaving the office and be reminded that the key MUST be returned to the office upon completion of the night's fishing.

After formalities are concluded and the water is finally reached, set up your gear just about anywhere between the point where the buggy track enters the beach and the inlet. The favored location lies approximately 300 yards east of the jetty, but fish are caught throughout this general area.

Tackle ideally suited for this oceanfront bottom fishing consists of 10'' or 11' surf sticks capable of casting 4 or 5 oz. of lead. On exceptionally calm nights an angler using lighter tackle might get by slinging 3 oz. of lead, but the accepted standard is to employ gear appropriate for long casts and substantial terminal tackle. If the water becomes too rough and these weights will not hold, the addition of extra lead will not be necessary for the water becomes too roiled resulting in a decline in fishing success.

Gateway National Park assures everyone access to one of the better beaches for striped bass in the New York Harbor area.

In certain areas of Long Island, surfmen fishing bottom can get by with using short boots instead of the cumbersome waders. While it is true that the short-booted angler can achieve some measure of success at Breezy, the fisherman equipped to wade into the surf will add to his chances. When fishing at times of high water it is not necessary to walk into the surf in an attempt to cast to deeper water, for the flooded tide will draw the game fish within easy casting range. On the other hand, after the tide has receded more than halfway, the gradual slope of the beach requires that the bait be placed further from shore. At this time, it is advantageous to wade out as far as possible before casting, for the fish tend to move off the beach.

The use of a Coleman lantern is questioned by many veteran beach rats. Although it is agreed that there are occasions when such an intense light will affect the quality of the sport this particular type of fishing is best undertaken with the aid of a light. Close observance to rods resting in sand spikes is difficult to maintain over long periods of time. Since not all strikes are made with sufficient force to automatically set the hook, a quick response on the part of the angler is often the determining factor between a hook-up or a missed opportunity. If there is a doubt about whether a strong light shone into the water will adversely affect the fishing, it is a simple matter to shield the beam. A tackle bag, a ridge of sand, or some article of debris can be used to form an effective barrier. If a depression is scooped out of the sand so that the lantern is tilted upward towards the rod tips, little, if any light will reach the water's edge.

Another disadvantage I have encountered when using a Coleman lantern is that the brilliant beam cast by the light blinds anyone glancing in its direction. Some models are available with a built-in shield, but it is a minor task to fashion a semi-circular shield around the globe with a scrap of aluminum sheeting. If a lip is formed which will reach over the top of the lantern, where the gnarled nut holds the lantern cap in place, a single hole drilled through the lip to fit over the threaded bolt will secure it.

The overall choice of bait when fishing for stripers at this time of the year is fresh, juicy sandworms. Anglers fishing for flounder using worms as bait might manage by purchasing one or two dozen worms, but experienced surfmen seeking the larger game fish realize that embarking on a night's fishing with only a few dozen worms is foolish. Successful fishermen are aware that striped bass are more readily attracted to a healthy offering of bait. With a short supply of bait available the tendency to skimp on the offering is overwhelming. If an honest attempt to catch fish is undertaken, all details which the angler can control should be attended to.

A description of the manner in which most anglers prefer to bait their hook will help to illustrate the need for an ample bait supply. Pick out 2 or 3 lively sandworms and drop them on the sand for a coating of dry sand will absorb most of their protective slime and afford a firm hold as the point of the hook is forced between the pincers protruding from the worm's mouth. Slide the worm about 1/4'' onto the hook until the point emerges from the

top of what appears to be the head. Maintain pressure until the worm is positioned high on the shank of the hook, close to the eye. After repeating the procedure with the other two worms you will now have an offering which cannot be ignored by any passing bass. The major portion of the worm's body is left to float enticingly in the currents and the fragile tails will be intact and not weakened by being pierced with the point of the hook. This method of rigging worms is especially helpful if the worms have not been recently dug for the tail seems to rot quickly shortly after the worm is removed from its natural home. When attemping to cast these dying worms, it is difficult to retain the tail sections for on many occasions the tails break off and the angler is left with little more than the head section. If a snap cast can be avoided, the chance of keeping the bait intact is increased. Try laying the terminal gear on the beach directly behind the point of cast and with one continuous motion swing the bait seaward.

Since many successful anglers will fish bottom using two rods, a dozen worms will be quickly used up. With one or two partners, it is advisable to purchase the worms by the flat for many dealers will sell the bait at a cheaper rate when handling and packaging chores are avoided. Shop around at various tackle stores and make the best deal, but be aware that some dealers will require a day or so prior notice in order to guarantee the worms will be in stock. It is also wise to inquire about the quality of the shipments received by that particular store. While it is true that a better grade of worms can be obtained when the digging is done during the periods of the full and new moons, some suppliers will consistently furnish only top quality bait.

The fish finder rig with a cork is the means by which these precious worms are offered to the bass. A large percentage of anglers prefer the red, fluorescent, oval corks which measure 1''x2'', but for fishing worms, I find the thinner 1/2'' corks to be ideal. The bigger corks are fine when fishing slabs of cut bait, but the slight weight of a few sandworms does not require such large corks to float it off the bottom. Although it is of minor importance, the bulk of the larger corks will increase the wind resistance especially when casting into an onshore wind. Since either of these corks can be moved along the leader to provide the greatest variance in flotation, the smaller cork will provide all the buoyancy necessary.

Even though some surfmen insist on using a stout hook when seeking striped bass, many anglers feel that a hook similar to the 2/0 bait saver is a better choice. The lighter weight hook is more readily acceptable to finicky bass and with a moderate drag setting coupled with a bit of patience, there is little danger that these hooks will fail as long as hooks weakened by rust are discarded. It is advisable to hone the point to razor sharpness for good-sized bass are frequently encountered and the barb of the hook must be sunk into the tough palate found on these fish. There is little risk in permitting a hard fighting fish the freedom to strip line for few, if any, obstacles are present along this open sandy beach. Horsing in an unwilling fish only detracts from the enjoyment of the struggle and placing undue pressure on an undetected weak spot can result in failure of the gear.

The sea bed in the Breezy Point area is comprised of sand, therefore, pyramid type sinkers are used almost exclusively. Even though the loss of gear by fouling bottom is virtually non-existent, extra sinkers, hooks and terminal gear should be carried. Sudden increases in the force of the wind can build the surf, necessitating an adjustment in sinker weight. Also, a surplus of rigged hooks should be kept handy in case a fish is deeply hooked and precious time would be wasted cutting it out.

Southwest winds are preferred here although blustery onshore winds enduring for a prolonged period of time will lessen the chances of success. The early stages of a strong onshore wind, before the bottom becomes churned up, can be beneficial.

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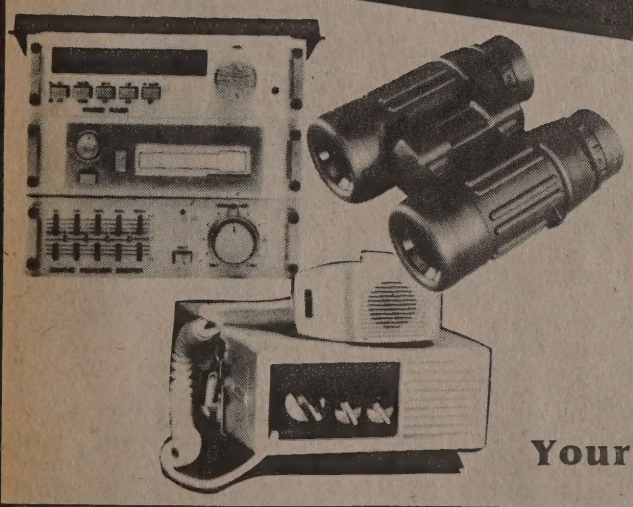

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LOOKING FOR LOVE

by Andy Regina

"...love is the only commodity you cannot give away— it's a loan that is always repaid with interest."

I never went fishing with my father. It wasn't because he hated me, or anything like that. At least, I hope not. He loved me well enough I guess, but just never went fishing. If it wasn't for an uncle, I might never have become interested in fishing at all, or learned to love it as I do.

A confirmed bachelor, my uncle spent a lot of time at our home. He was my father's only relative in America, aside from Mom and us I mean, and weekends or holidays never passed without a visit from Uncle John. We were crazy about him and he returned that love, spoiling us dreadfully in the process. He played with us and he listened to us, something busy parents had little time for. He'd hide special treats and give each of us a chance in turn to locate them, laughing as we found Lifesavers in his jacket or Hershey bars in his coat. As the oldest child, he lavished his attentions on me. I literally grew up at his knee, listening as he related some classic prose and poetry, rapt as he sang an aria while attempting to explain opera in words an 8-year-old could comprehend.

He took me fishing, too. Not haphazardly, but regularly. We were pals and I was his fishing partner. Each time he went, I went along. I learned much more than just fishing though; he taught me a love for all nature, he inspired affection for all outdoors. I formed a deep respect for the sea and its inhabitants and grew to treasure the value of our natural resources. My uncle practiced conservation when other fishermen stressed quantity as a measure of their skills; he preached ecology while everyone assumed our resources were unlimited. People took everything for granted: no thought was given to preserving our wetlands, no concern was shown for the rape of our fish stocks, no fears raised over water pollution.

Whenever we went fishing, I had to help dig for bait, which taught me the value of that natural resource. Worms obtained by labor are never wasted or squandered, so we always took less than we actually needed. "Better a dozen less than one extra," my uncle would say. "They'll be there next time we need some." The lessons never stopped. He'd remind me not to gather too many mussels off some pilings, pointing out their importance as food for baitfish and blackfish. I'd

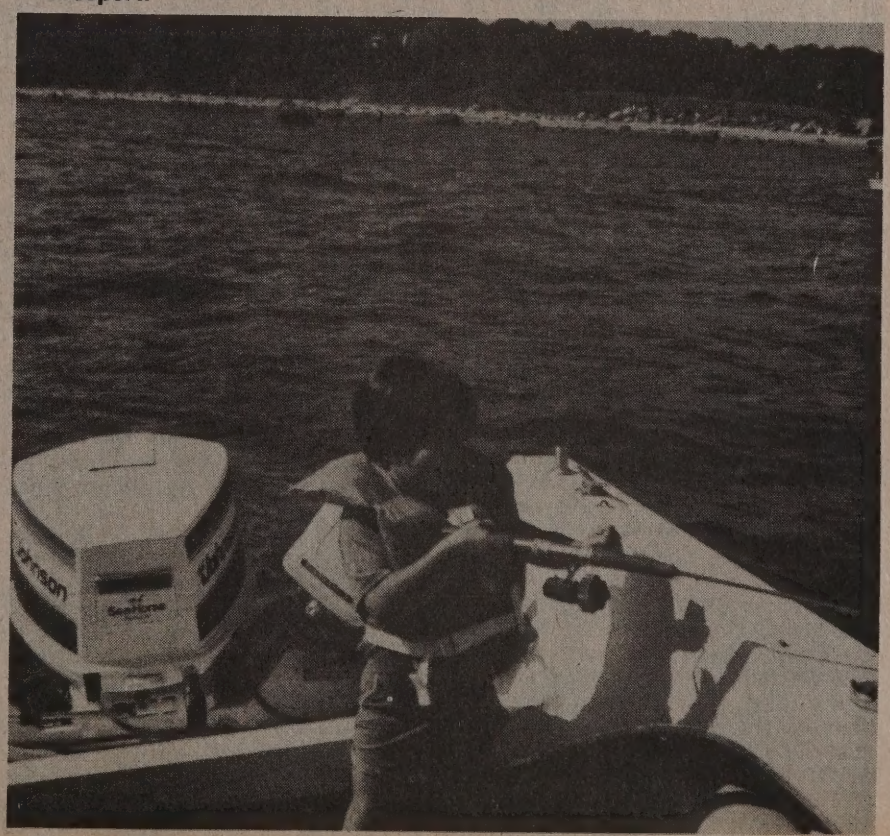
Instructions never cease as this youngster learns that slack line reduces the visibility of fish bites. Scene is pier at Prybil Beach.

hear, "Let's not keep this little fish, okay? It's too small to eat, and if we let it go it may grow large enough to keep next time." I grew up hearing, "Let it go and it will grow!" The lessons went beyond conservation and included an appreciation of nature, respect not only for the property of others but their rights as well, and deep-rooted love for fishing that increases with age. Dug-up areas had to be refilled and every overturned rock put back into place every time we dug for bait. Garbage or litter of any sort was never left behind at any time, even if that meant cleaning up after someone else. If I rebelled at first, my uncle patiently explained why. "Always put back a little more than you take out of our sport, and it will go on forever. If everyone just keeps taking, well, remember that even an ocean can run dry."

The full import of his wisdom didn't strike me until much later. He wasn't with us any more, having gone to fish some place beyond our vision; yet his voice whispered to me the first time I took my sons fishing. The boys were about five or six years old then, the perfect age for developing budding interests. I found myself doing less actual fishing, but delighted in wearing the dual cap of philosophy professor and first mate. Tackle-handling instructions included a lecture on the importance of releasing small fish unharmed, and rigging techniques went hand-in-hand with anti-pollution control. The voice doing the talking was mine but the words were Uncle John's, teaching, reasoning, even scolding at times, but always gentle and understanding. My reward was seeing the boys fall in love with our sport also, and as they grew older I became a companion instead of remaining a mate and tutor. My job was near completion when I saw them release their fish without being advised to do so. I retired the night they picked up someone's empty bait boxes and threw them into a litter basket. They were not yet ten-years-old.

As a fisherman, I enjoyed my solitude; as a surfcaster, I demanded it. Still, with the boys grown and on their own, I was lonely. Our nieces and nephews were adults now also, some with kids of their own, and the happy sound of children at play was sadly missing in our house. Then I became friendly with Mickey Chiarenza, the creator of Tri-Fin lures, and met his young son on a joint fishing trip. Young Jimmy was about 8 or 9 years old at the time and I fell in love with him the first time he smiled. The upshot of our meeting was that this boy taught the man that day, impressing me so strongly that I gave him the ultralight spinning outfit I had, out of sheer admiration. He needed no instructions from me; his dad had taught him well, and he handled his tackle like a veteran. He also did two things that proved Mickey had done his job well; after

An entire family fishes and learns together, on the bulkheads in Freeport.



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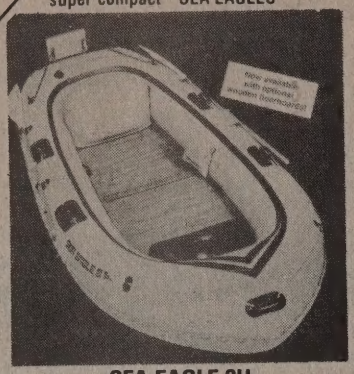

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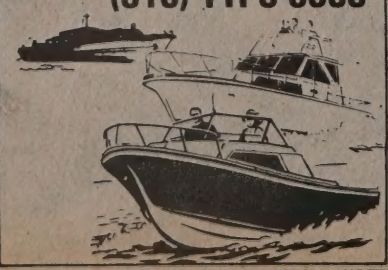

eating a sandwich, young Jimmy put the wrapper in his pocket, rather than throw it overboard into the Sound. Later, when he thought he was unobserved in the heat of battle, I watched that kid boat and release fish after fish, smiling shyly at me when he caught me looking. I didn't say a word, there was no need to, but when he returned that rod and reel he was using, I refused to take it back. He had earned it along with my respect.

Becoming a party boat patron brought me into close contact with a lot of people, and a lot of those people were young children. We gravitated towards each other like magnets, and once again, I found myself doing less actual fishing and more talking, stressing the importance of self-indulged conservation. True sportsmen (and women) do not need government imposed restrictions and limitations. Laws greater than any created by mortals guide the pure-at-heart and our conscience imposes crueler punishment than judge and jury. Kids are pure-at-heart; they believe everything we tell them with a trust that proves embarrassing at times. They also ask a lot of questions that demand a lot of answers, and they are difficult to fool. That means that you must be truthful with them at all times, and explain each answer with a rationale that young minds can easily grasp. School is never out and graduation is rewarded with the presentation of their own personal tackle instead of a diploma. I have been fortunate enough to have had lots of tackle at my disposal and I have given much of it away over the years, mostly all to children. This is not intended to sound boastful by any means, just a statement from a grateful man.

When my kids grew up, I had lots of nieces and nephews to inspire with my love of fishing. With some I was successful, with the others I was not. Now that those kids are adults, I am trying to mold their children. The faces change, the hairstyles change, and even the names change, but kids are always the same: they never change. And there seems to be about as many little girls becoming interested as there are little boys, at least about an equal amount of both anyway. Last year I gave rods and reels to two boys and two girls, children of friends of mine, and all I can say is: watch out fellas, those girls are good!

What does the future hold in store for our kids? Well, if the recent trend is any criterion, things look real good for them as far as fishing is concerned. The increased interest in ecology and conservation witnessed over the last decade is an indication of the importance of education. If we had not been scared into awareness by dwindling fish stocks and increasing pollution, we would not have changed our thinking. The imminent disappearance of species such as cod and fluke instituted new legislation in a frantic attempt to protect those species. A 200 mile limit was imposed on foreign fishing fleets; catch and size limits soon followed. Closer to home, a 14" minimum keeper size for fluke became law in New York State. Both of these efforts soon brought tangible results, results seen and enjoyed by the recreational angler in the form of increased catches.

Sportsmen became aware that if they banded together, their voices would be heard in Washington, D.C. as well as in state capitols. We must take an active part in government, promoting beneficial legislation while restraining all detrimental efforts. Perhaps more of our beaches should be made into state parks or wildlife sanctuaries; maybe size and bag limits should be enacted, for every species of fish—I don't know. A recent poll by LIF revealed that a saltwater license is undesirable, yet the possibility of such remains a strong probability in the near future anyhow. The urgent need for funds to oversee and regulate our fishery is paramount, and these monies can only be gathered by licensing recreational saltwater fishermen.

Hopefully, future generations will reap the benefits promised by conservationists and legislators. As more and more of us practice conservation, it stands to reason that fish stocks should naturally increase, as long as we have proper legislation to ensure that others do not destroy our efforts. We can no longer stand idly by and allow the rape of our fishery by any commercial interests, be they domestic or foreign. Still, conscience should realize that recreational anglers can also be rapists; ergo, what is sauce for the goose must therefore definitely be sauce for the gander also. If we are vigilant, the iron fist of Big Brother will not discriminate against any fisherman.

It all begins with the kids though, because as the twig is bent, so grows the tree. If we teach by setting an example, if we inspire by creating interest, if we educate patiently, we might mold future anglers into the images we think we project. In turn, the kids could pass along that knowledge to the ensuing generation, and so on, ad infinitum. It's funny, not ha-ha funny, but odd funny, but I have yet to see any juvenile delinquents among our young anglers. Maybe less kids would become problems if more of them became fishermen. Maybe less kids would get into trouble if more of us cared. Therein might lie our hope for tomorrow.

So, take a kid fishing, show a kid some love. Remember that love is the only commodity you cannot give away—it's a loan that's always repaid with interest. I was lucky, I had someone who cared. Many of today's kids are not that fortunate. If you don't have kids of your own to take fishing, reach out for someone else's kids. You'd be amazed at how many kids are waiting out there some place, looking for love.

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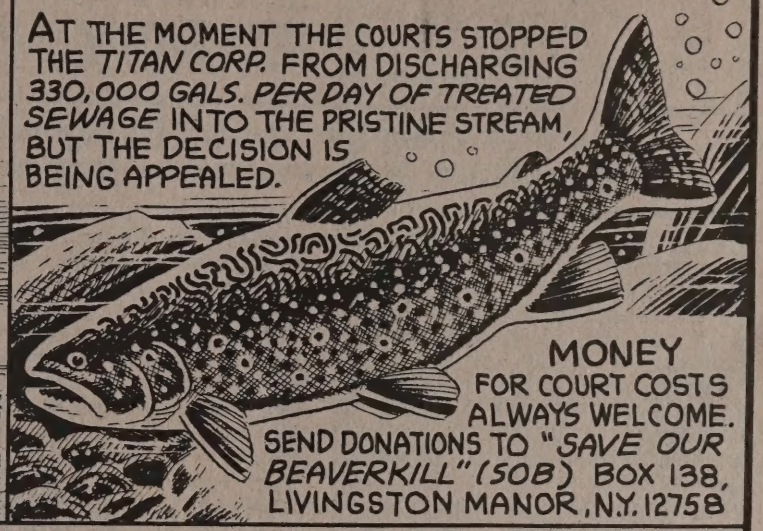

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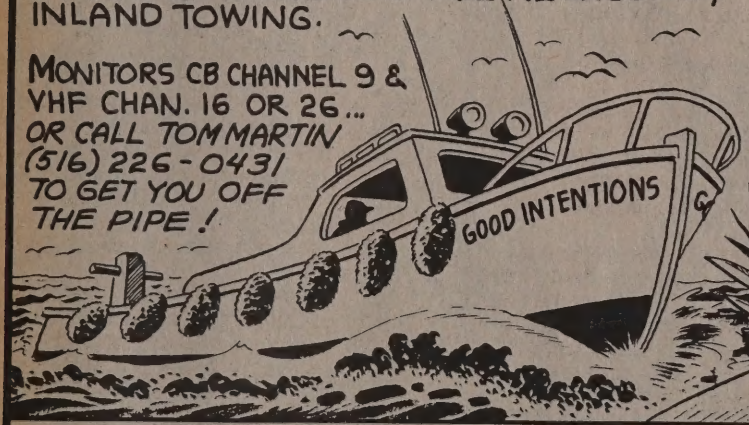

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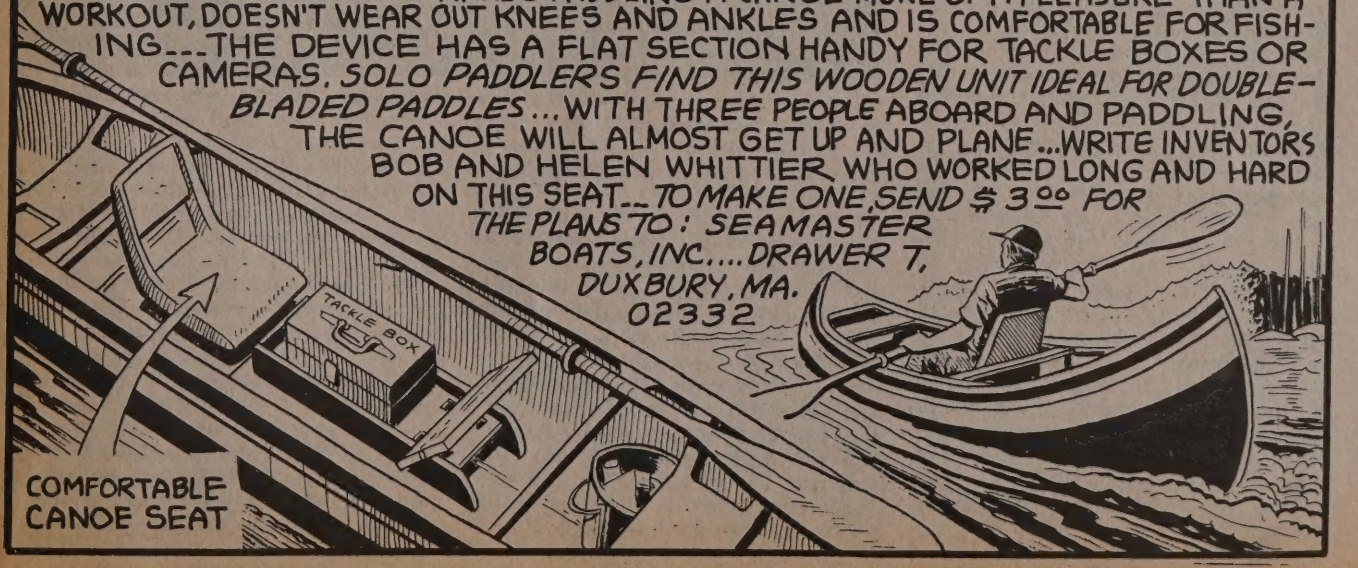


NIGHTTIME FLUKE & "FANCY" TROLLING

by Matt Ahern

Fluke fishermen rarely fish nights or troll. Judging by the authors observations, maybe they should do both more often.

The night is soft and warm. It is early May and enticing. But I'm an old hand and recognize this unexpected gift for what it is: a teaser—nothing more than that. Mother Nature can't fool me. I know her too well. Tomorrow night she may just as easily swirl her skirt and bring frost with its finger-nipping chill. But as I stand in the near daylight glow of Shinnecock Canal's lock area, I find I can forgive the guile and deceit lavished upon me over the years. With open arms, I welcome her smile.

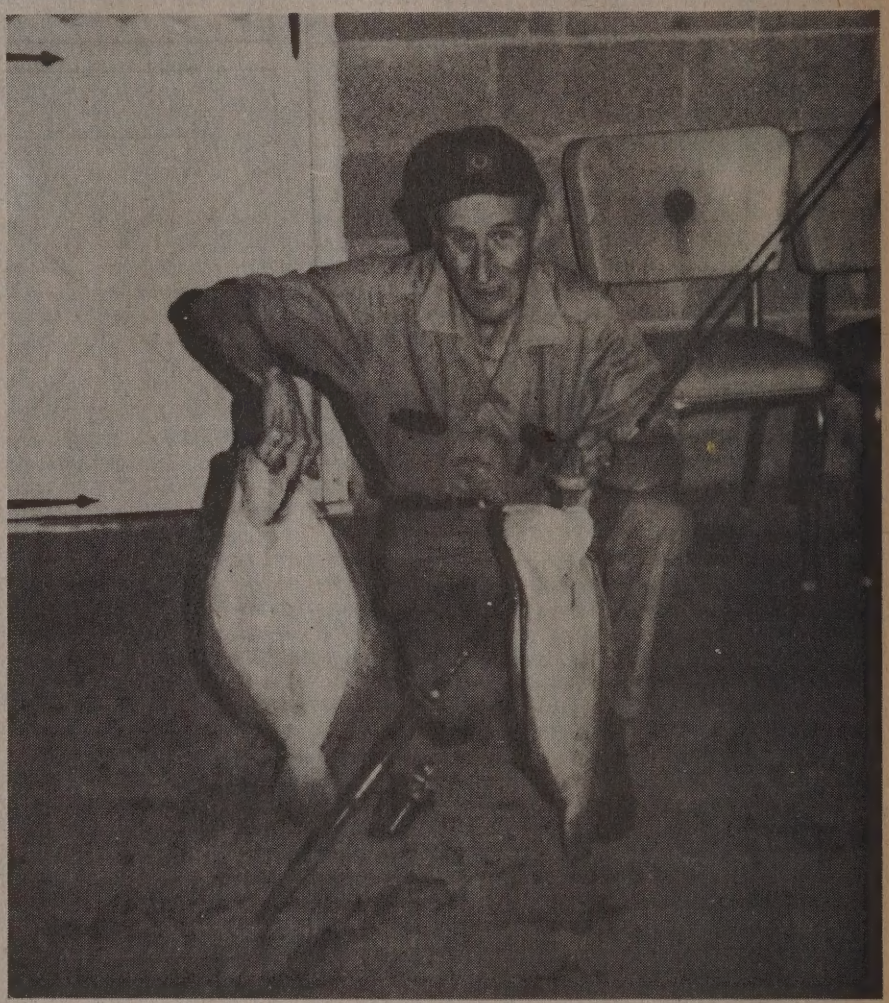
Certainly this bonus would make for more pleasant weakfishing.

Only minutes before I had traded off the gloom and shadow for the brilliantly lighted lock area. I had been attracted as a moth to flame. That near daylight effect could certainly be used to my advantage, especially for lure changing, netting fish, and those minor necessities which need near normal vision for quick, efficient accomplishment. And if the weaks weren't there, so what. I already had three decent-sized fish in the bucket. I knew where there were more of the same. It was worth the gamble.

And there I stood, bathed in the brilliance of the lock's artificial lighting. I cast the red-head/white-body Salty Dog and let it sink for several feet. I twitched the rod tip. Nothing. I reeled in line and twitched the lure again. A bump. And a miss. Another cast—but no miss this time. I swayed the fish with the rod. With a powerful surge, the weakfish poured on the steam and headed for the shadowed area I'd just vacated. Minutes later it was in the net. A two-pounder. Much too small. I released it to join others of its clan now milling about in the canal.

That first hour produced fine weakfishing—easily comparable to old times. Cast. Reel. Twitch. Sometimes a tenative bump; sometimes a smashing strike. All of which is not unusual in early May when weakfish are gathered in Shinnecock Canal during the quiet, wee hours of the morning. I continued to net and release fish, keeping only those which were badly hooked.

Then, as quickly as it had begun, the action stopped. Time to return to the shadows. But before doing that, I figured I'd give it one last gung-ho effort. I removed the Salty Dog and replaced it with a Bill Upperman white bucktail. Nothing. I tipped the bucktail with a three inch slice of fresh squid. No takers. Only one thing left to do: change tactics. Maybe those weaks were now on bottom reaping their fill of shrimp.



The author found larger fluke, like these 3 and 4 lbers., more active than smaller fish after dark.

I let the bucktail sink and when the line had gone slack, I began to reel and jig. A hit. I set the hook easily enough, but, except for a slight wiggle, the fish didn't respond. Surely, this was the oddest weakfish I'd ever hooked. It hugged bottom, giving every indication of staying there. Well, you know what they say: there's more than one way to skin a cat. I forced the issue by giving the rod several sharp taps. The fish came to life immediately. But this was no weakfish. I lowered the net, awaited my opportunity, and then lifted in a good-sized fluke. Easily 2½ lbs.

Now, if you are surprised at this, imagine my reaction. For 55 years of my fishing life I'd been told fluke do not bite at night. And here in my net was proof that they did. Certainly something needed investigation, something needed considerable thought. Was my catch a freak happening? A one-in-a-million shot? I

didn't know. But there it was—a fluke which seemed as much surprised as I.

I'd like to tell you I caught more fluke that night, but I didn't. In desperation, I tried all those fluke "tricks" I'd picked up over the years, but except for one pugnacious sea robin, that was it.

I kept quiet about what had happened—for two reasons: one swallow does not a summer make, and, most of all, I didn't want the old horselaugh from doubting buddies. I figured next month, June, when more fluke would be available would be the ideal time to do a little experimenting.

But I had ants in my pants—I couldn't wait for June.

The next night I was back in the same place, using the same methods, but I caught no fluke. The weaks were still there in good numbers. Two other fishermen showed up and got in on the action, but I said nothing about that fluke. What fisherman in his right mind would pass up weakfish to catch fluke? But it wasn't a question of favoring fluke over weakfish. I was obsessed with my experiment. What were the conditions which made that lone fluke bite? Why last night, and not tonight?

I believed I knew the answers, but thinking and knowing are two different things. Certainly the daylight effect of artificial lighting had much to do with it, and the competition from an abundance of weakfish in such a small landlocked area was another reason. And so was the earliness of the fluke season. There just weren't enough fluke around to make further experiments worthwhile. I was sure my bucktail and squid combo had landed right alongside the only fluke in the immediate area. I resigned myself to the fact that indeed I would have to wait until June, or at least until the weakfish run was over, which in the Canal, would be shortly after Mother's Day.

I bided my time. I watched the weather; I checked and rechecked the tidal conditions at the locks. I lost two whole weeks because of nasty weather and "wrong" tides. But then toward the end of May, everything fell into place. The weaks were long gone, the locks would close about 2:30 a.m. on the night I had selected, the weather was now definitely settled, and best of all, there was a good body of fluke in the Canal. I knew this because I had caught about 100 "throwbacks" and keepers during the previous week when the locks were closed.

I arrived loaded for bear. I would dispense with the Salty Dogs and bucktails and rely solely on a 3 ft. leader and tapered strips of fresh squid. I made my first cast and fished that squid with all the finesse gathered in 55 years of fluke fishing.

I will not bore you with all the details of that first hour, an hour in which I didn't so much as catch a sea robin. It was pure frustration. Had I not been so possessed with the desire to catch at least one more nighttime fluke now that conditions were right, I would have packed up and chalked up that lone fluke of three weeks ago as nothing but a freak catch.

But even when it appears hopeless, dedicated fishermen hate to give up. And this tenacity is what makes me believe we fellows have been given an extra dollop of whatever it is that makes us tick. For not only did I catch a fluke during the second hour, I also caught two more just before daylight. These were no run-of-the-mill fluke. Two were over 3 lbs. and the largest, the last one, was well over four. (See photo.) When daylight came, all fishing ceased for about a half hour, and then only shorts came up, with a sprinkling of sea robins.

The next night, I was back. But one fluke was all I could manage—a 3 lber. I think, though, that this was due to the fact that after I succeeded with that one fluke and knew fish were around, I spent a good deal of time experimenting in areas away from the lights. But that fishing was as dead as the proverbial doornail. I returned to the lighted section just before daylight, where I immediately had one hit, but couldn't connect.

I continued to fish the Canal's lighted area for three years and I seldom failed to put a fluke or two in the bucket. My largest single catch was 11 fluke—with never a "short" in evidence at any time during those three years of night fishing. Most of these fluke averaged between 2 and 3 lbs.—the largest an even 7 lbs., caught in mid-June of the second year.

Then came the energy crunch—and goodbye night fluke fishing. The lighting had been reduced at least by half, and while it was sufficient for me to see, evidently it wasn't enough for the fluke. So that was that. Several times after that I waited for foggy nights when I knew more lights would be on, but for some unknown reason I was never successful. Of course, this is justification for more experimentation on my part, but I don't feel up to it. I'll let some of you younger fellows take over.

Incidentally, for what it's worth, I also tried out October flounder fishing under the same lighted conditions. This time I used thin, narrow strips of fresh soft clam. And I caught flounder. Not as many as one would catch during daylight, of course, but those I did catch were all decent size. But when those lights were dimmed, that, too, was the end of the flounder fishing.

Surely, there is something in all this that needs further investigation. Now—if a fluke fisherman went out on the bay on those warm, sultry nights and used powerful lights beamed directly at the water...

So much for that. Now, for some fancy fluke trolling. I call it fancy because not many fellows bother to troll, and those who do use hit-or-miss methods. There's room for improvement here.

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trolling is worth the effort. I know that many times when I've done poorly with my fluke drifting, I've switched to trolling and saved the day. I can count on one hand the few times fluke-trolling has failed to produce. Some days the catch is meager, and some days the catch is surprising. And sometimes there is a bonus catch—usually weakfish, or if one is extremely lucky, a school striper. My buddy Nick Hauck nailed a 16 lber. one day as we trolled the Reynold's Channel marshes. Now—that's a bonus!

Fluke trolling has been around a long time. I remember as a kid the many times I watched fishermen rowing up and down creeks and canals, their rods propped against the stern as they labored at the oars. That was tough fishing, for there were few outboard engines those days and those that were available proved most unreliable. The only "engine" that could be depended upon was the good old Armstrong.

The reason trolling is so successful is that much ground can be covered in a given time. Often, the results are unbelievable.

Many years ago I, along with my two buddies Artie Leidecker and Nick Hauck, decided to run a little fluke-trolling experiment. (See, we're right back to experimenting.) We rented a skiff from Tom and Larry's fishing station on Island Park's Schaeffer's Creek. Because three men in a skiff make a bit of a crowd, especially for experimenting purposes, we drew straws—short straw staying on shore to keep score. Guess who got the short straw?

I walked the shore with pad and pencil while Artie and Nick trolled continuously in one confined area of the creek, never going more than 500' in any one direction. In just four hours, they hooked and released 131 fluke. I doubt if we could do as well today, but I'm certain we would come up with action. No ifs, ands, or buts.

This is why I say trolling pays off.

No specialized tackle is required. As the movement of the boat will put a certain amount of strain on terminal tackle, a rod with a bit of backbone should be used. It can be a spinning rod if that's all that is available, but my preference is for one of the medium-weight boat rods equipped with a conventional reel filled with 20 lb. test mono.

Terminal tackle is no problem. Some fishermen get by with a three-way swivel, a 36" leader of 20 lb. test material, a 3/0 or 4/0 Sproat hook, and a 2 oz. bank sinker; which is just about what one would use when drifting or still fishing.

A better arrangement I think is to place a sliding egg sinker on the line and connect a small snap swivel at the end to serve as a stop. Clip the leader into the snap and you're in business. This rig-up also helps cut down the weeds and other debris you may encounter from time to time. (The "secret" to successful fluke trolling is to have clean bait.)

Whether you use bait or artificial lures such as white or yellow bucktails with or without a strip of fish bait is a personal choice. Both produce, with perhaps a slight edge favoring the use of bait. I believe that live killies and strips of sea robin make the best bait, and white bucktails the best artificial.

Fish bait should always be sliced into a triangular shape and hooked once at its widest part and allowed to flutter. Killies should be hooked through the mouth and out the gill cover—never through the back. To make a boo-boo such as this will only cause the bait to spin in such a manner that it cannot be overcome by even the best swivel. And never hook a trolled killie through the tail. What fluke ever saw a killie swim backward? The successful fluke fisherman is the one who presents his bait in the most natural manner.

Trolling is best accomplished in shallow water, say 4' to 6', and seldom will you find it necessary to hook a fluke. The forward momentum of the boat will do this for you. When you arrive at your selected spot (around marshes and submerged bars, for instance), it is best to cast as far as possible behind the boat before beginning the run. And when under way, a minimum of 30' to 40' of line should always be your working distance.

Trolling speed is important. Too slow and you will hang up weeds and other debris; too fast and you discourage a fluke from attacking. This is where the fancy-work comes in, this is the reason many fellows fail to score. Again, we return to experimentation. But I'll give you a short cut and perhaps save you some frustration. I've always found that a pace equivalent to a brisk walk on shore is just about right. You can slow this pace down, or speed it up if you find it is necessary to do so. But it rarely is. Occasionally, you'll find as I do that tides and currents will force you to make a quick change, either slower or faster—especially when rounding a piece of marsh jutting out into the bay. But this is all part of the learning process and I wouldn't be too much concerned about it.

And one last tip. When making your return run, make sure to circle wide enough to avoid running over the line. This seems obvious enough, but in the heat of the moment, I've seen more than a few fellows entangle their props when caught up in the excitement of returning to a sure-fire area. For some, it ended the day right there.

I don't know where you do your fluke fishing, of course. But if you find an opportunity, one affording the right conditions, don't overlook the possibility of doing a little nighttime fluke fishing. If you succeed, just think of the new world of fluke fishing that awaits you. As for trolling, the opportunities are limitless, they are all around us. Try it at least once. Become a convert.

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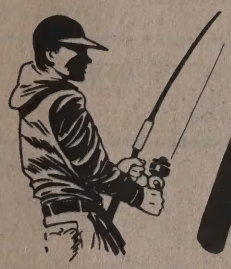

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BASSIN'... Long Island Style!

by Marty and Janet Garrell

Long Island's lakes and ponds offer anglers a change of pace from the usual salt water fare.

Most Long Island anglers think of June as **the** month for sport fishing. Porgies and bluefish reign supreme on the East End, the weakfish run is in full swing on the Sound, the shallow bays of the South Shore are filling with fluke fillets, and a few die-hards are secretively banging away at stripers.

But there's another group that's learned to appreciate a different sport fish, a group which makes a point of turning away from all the good eating and sport that the saltwater scene has to offer in June and early July, and instead sticks to the pond and small lakes of the Island. These iconoclasts are the bassin' specialists.

Some saltwater sportsmen find it tough to understand a bunch that counts their scores on the fingers of one hand and measures sizes of fish in inches instead of pounds, but the attraction of the black bass shouldn't be such a mystery. The ingredients of the bass angler's game are so enjoyable. A small body of water, easy access for a one-man boat equipped with oars and anchor or for a canoe, and fish that respond readily to a wide range of lures and almost always come clear of the surface in gill-rattling somersaults...that's sport for anyone!

And on Long Island, where bass tactics can be as plain or as fancy as one wishes, it's great fun. Despite the hoopla of tournament fishing and the publicity given to both black basses, **Micropterus salmoides**, the large-mouth bass, and **dolomieu**; the small-mouth, by the advertising media, one hardly needs special bass boats and "hawg rods" for fishing or even fancy sonar to find the spots where

Fly-rodding works quite well on windless evenings. Lance Worth beams over his first fly rod bass.

America's number one game fish lurks among the structure of local lakes. After all, even the biggest of our lakes, like Fort Pond in Montauk or Lake Ronkonkoma, would be classified as a pothole by southern or midwestern reservoir anglers. As a result, our bodies of water are generally easy to read, and much of their structure, like the rocky outcrops, ledges, and fishy debris, including weeds and sunken logs, lie within a long cast of the shore line.

Long Island bass fishermen can concentrate on fishing artificial lures in less than 10' of water around shore lines, mouths of coves, and points of land, and, as long as surface water temperatures are in the 68°-70° range, as they are for most of June and into early July, anglers can work the largemouths in those lakes. The scrappy smallmouth are a bit different, but, because they're present in only a couple of locations, and because we feel a bit guilty about any discussion that suggests additional pressure on such limited fish populations, we'll confine this piece to the abundant bigmouth.

One of our friends, bass specialist John McCardell of Medford, never ceases to amaze us with his ability to find bass in the shallowest of places. John pulls many bass from the shallow Peconic River and from other Long Island bodies of water in depths of 6 ft. or less throughout much of the season. His secret is a quiet approach and a slow, seductive retrieve of a small floating-diving minnow plug, an unweighted plastic worm, or noise-makers like a spinnerbait or a popper. Nevertheless, we were with John one July night on Wildwood Lake when he produced one of his biggest bass, a fish just shy of 6 lbs. from a bar that dropped off into deep water. That big female, which John kept for a taxidermist, probably came up onto the bar to feed at nightfall. A fine fighting fish, she raced off the flat after the hookup on a 40 yd. dash that might have made a school striper envious.

Fishing relatively shallow water for bass, the angler can use simple methods, too. One of our favorite techniques is bass-bugging, with poppers or hair bugs, on nights when the winds permit us to use our fly rods. When the canoe is hard to control or when the surface has more than a mere ruffle to it, we forego the pleasure, but when conditions are right...wow! No strike in all of fishing is quite as dramatic as the one made by a lunker bass inhaling a bug and swapping ends. Fly rod combat with a bass, with only the give-and-take of the long wand and a single action reel, is always a lot more fun than playing the fish with the mechanical advantage of a reel drag on your side.

We've always been surprised by the number of good-sized largemouths, 16" or better, that succumb to deer-hair bugs on Long Island lakes. Several years ago after dark on Laurel Lake, we had a chance at a fish that probably would have been our all-time best on a fly rod. Casting in a semi-circle around the canoe, which we had anchored at the mouth of a broad cove, we heard an awesome swirl when the fish took the bulky moth-imitation, but, on the lift of the rod, the fish swapped ends and dove under the canoe. With the bass under a full head of steam and line screeching from the reel, a proper strike was out of the question, and the result was predictable. The bass turned, shook its head, then gave the lure back in a ponderous leap 60' out in the darkness. It sounded as though someone had just launched a Labrador retriever off a nearby float!

As far as Long Island bass are concerned, there's no need to overdo the sturdiness of the tackle, either. Lines testing in the 12-17 lb. class and lunker sticks with lots of backbone are completely out of place in relatively clear water when anglers are working on 1½ to 4 lb. fish which are slow by the standards of bluefish and weakfish and weak by the standards set by local tautog. In fact, there's probably no largemouth bass swimming in Long Island waters right now that can't be handled fairly well on 6 lb. test line. Unfortunately, the relatively large size of a bass' mouth makes hook sizes from #2 up to 3/0 the standard on most lures, and, on casts of 20-25 yds., such hooks can be difficult to set with any consistency, especially if they hang on the horny lower jaw of a lunker. Light mono is awfully elastic, and, no matter how sharp the barbs are, there will be a lot of missed strikes on the gossamer stuff. Twenty years ago, light-test braided lines, finished with 6'-8' of mono leader were the rule for casting, but most serious bass fishermen always conceded that straight mono would fool more fish. Thus, a reasonable compromise and a practical one for setting hooks is the use of 6-8 lb. test monofilament and lots of work with hook hones.

One excellent philosophy emphasized by tournament professionals is the catch-and-release concept. Fisheries biologists guess that northern lakes can support anywhere from a few pounds of bass per acre up to a few tens of pounds of fish per acre; thus, the bass supply of some of our smaller Long Island kettleholes can be measured in hundreds of pounds. If one figures an average keeper size of 12"-13" and an average weight of a few ounces over a pound, that's not very many legal-sized bass! Hence, sensible bass anglers who put a lot of fishing pressure on our small lakes generally keep only a few fish a season for an occasional meal or as trophies for taxidermy. In terms of eating, it actually makes better sense to keep the abundant panfish, bluegills, yellow and white perch, which are much smaller but also much tastier. If you want to keep a bass for the table, it pays to skin the fish and to use a good recipe for baked fish, just as you would for blackfish or

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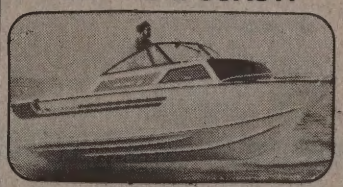

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striped bass. A largemouth from a typical Long Island lake should taste mild and bland, never muddy.

Trophy bass of 5 lbs. and better are relatively plentiful on the Island compared to other areas of the state. Top local fishermen, like friend McCardell of Medford, often net anywhere from a couple up to a half dozen trophies per season, while a fish or two in that class would cap the entire careers of many upstate bassin' persons. Lake Ronkonkoma, the Peconic River, and Fort Pond records show numerous fish over 7 lbs. In fact, although the current state record of 10 lb. 12 oz. was recorded in Orange County in 1975, Frank Panek at the State Department of Environmental Conservation in Stony Brook heard that an angler fishing the Peconic River in May, 1981, before the season opened, supposedly caught and released a trophy bass that went 11 lbs. 5 oz. on a pocket scale!

One problem with the truly big gals (yes, most big bass are females) is that they come along when the angler is off-guard. One May night several years ago, when the bass season hadn't yet opened, we were fishing a small Rebel on ultra-light spinning gear and 4 lb. test line in the cove of a small lake on the East End known for its supply of pickerel. The strike at the end of the cast was one of those brick wall-types that has "lunker" written all over it, and we fully expected the fish to show itself and jump clear or to move out into deeper water. Instead, she cut parallel to the shore with the obvious intent of finding some cover to burrow into. Now, by early May, we've pumped up a few 2 lb. flounder on ultra-light gear, and we've even put the boots to a blackfish or two, so we're familiar with the maximum pressure that we can lay on a stubborn fish. It was tried...to no avail; the bass just kept steaming inexorably away. Our next tactic was to back the canoe off the shore line in order to lead the fish out of the shallows. The idea worked to some extent, and we felt like we were towing a small dinghy, until the fish spotted a long dock that projected into the deeper water of the cove; our towing angle wasn't sharp enough, and the fish deftly deposited the lure on a piling before swirling away. Was that a bass? Probably. The creature didn't have the speed of a pickerel, and didn't show on top as an accidentally-hooked turtle or muskrat might, and we know of no carp in that lake. Of course, it might have been a foul-hooked fish of moderate size; still, we'd like to think differently, and we wish we could've persuaded the fish to join us in the canoe for a photograph or two.

Where did that incident take place? If you follow us out of the driveway some evening this month, you might find out. Otherwise, such secrets are kept strictly confidential among those individualists who ignore the siren call of saltwater after the Long Island bass season opens on June 5.

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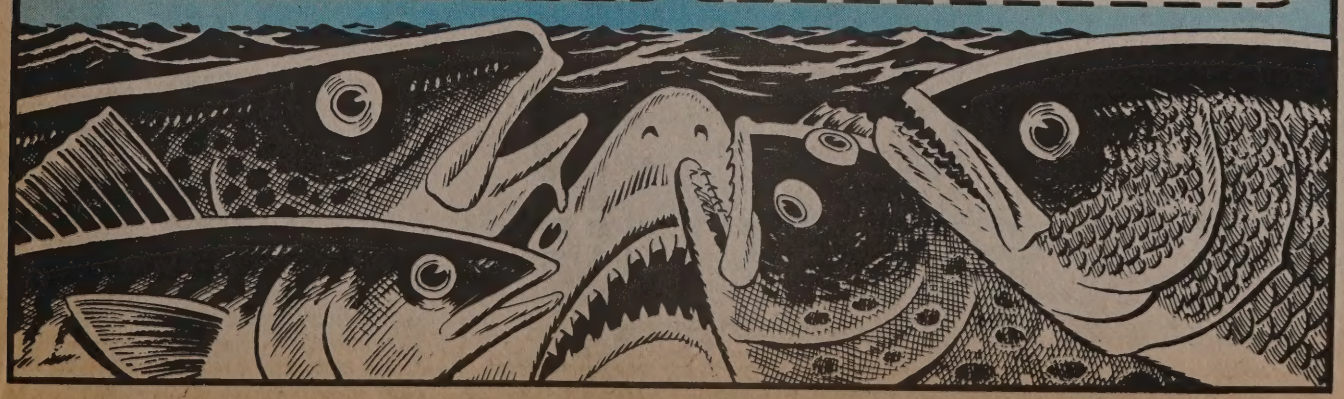

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GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR WADERS

Part Two — *by Pat Abate*

There was a time when the group I fished with would wade, sometimes chest or neck high without waders. That was Summertime and in Long Island Sound's relatively warm waters. We would wade out to an island and then beyond to some rocks and stand on them for half a tide and cast. After an hour or so our clothes would dry a little and comfort would set in. Even when the action was slow, we cast until the tide dropped some so we wouldn't have to get soaked all over again. After a couple of years, we started wearing waders. As a result, we had to wait for the water to drop below the top of our boots before we could wade. After an hour of slow action we could leave our rocks without the worry of getting wet. As I think about those nights we probably scored better because we fished longer and better portions of the tide due to the fact we didn't have waders.

Fish before you wade. Put a pair of waders on a guy and he feels compelled to wade. Quite often wading will push shore feeders out farther. On more than a couple of occasions, I've taken fish behind wading casters who were waist deep or less. With rare exception, before you step into any water, fish it first. That island that I mentioned earlier was a spot that we trolled (on foot) while we waded. We'd wade across a cut with a running tide, one guy would plug ahead as we walked; the other would troll. The method was to let an eel or plug float downtide in the rip formed by the cut. In effect, we were stemming the tide as we crossed. That method added a few bass each season in what otherwise would have been unproductive wading. When wading in from bars on sand beaches, I'll drag a plug or eel 75 ft. behind me. It hasn't produced anything yet, but it doesn't hurt to try.

Drying Out. Trying to wade with wet feet usually has me thinking more about my feet than fish. As you wade, water pressure presses the fabric closer to you; in colder weather it causes you to chill faster. It's very common for fishermen to go crazy trying to find the source of the wet

Before putting on waders, tuck your pants into your socks. This will help prevent your socks from dropping down and your pants legs from riding up.

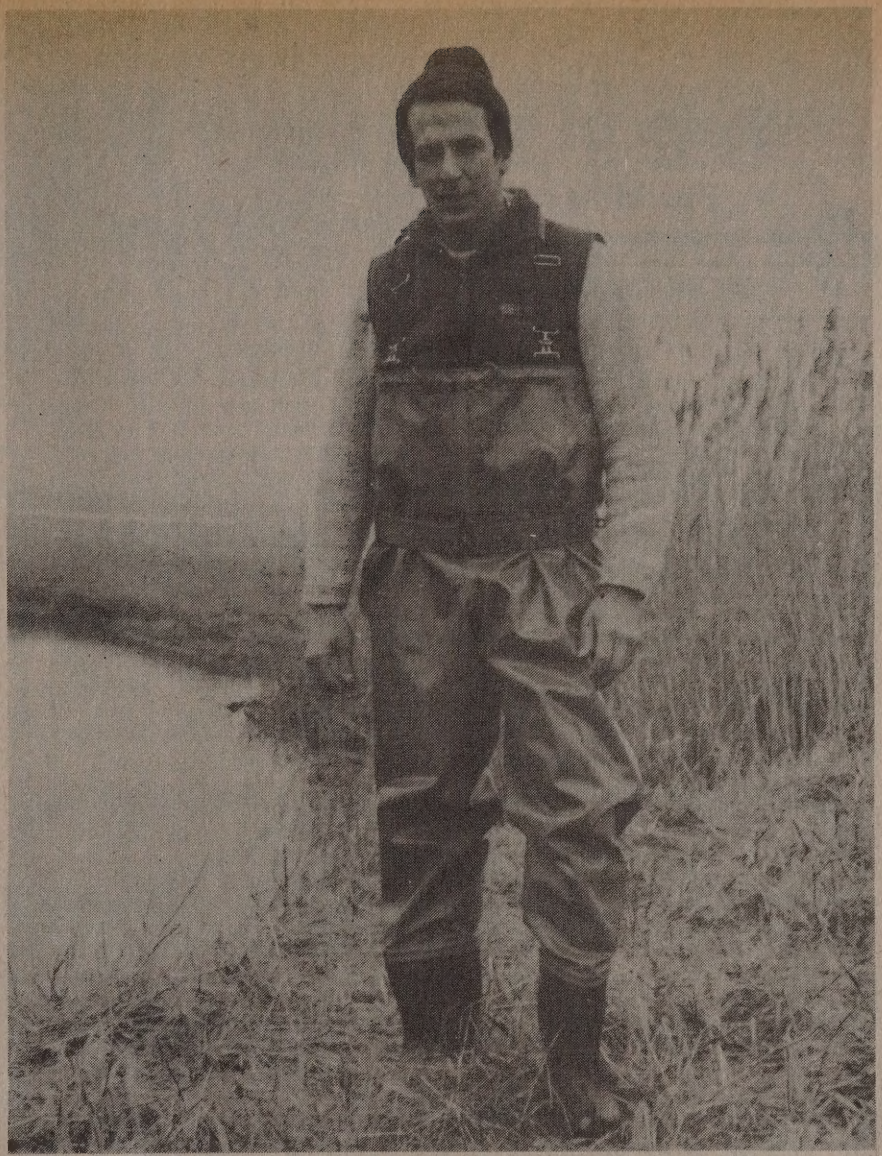
A pair of innersoles in your waders will help absorb moisture from sweating as well as provide some better support for your dogs. These are from L.L. Bean, Freeport, Me.

leg, only to never discover a hole. Condensation is the problem! Your feet and legs sweat and that moisture never has a chance to evaporate. It accumulates in the lining of your waders and is absorbed by your socks and pants. It is very important to dry out the inside of your waders after each trip, particularly if you fish several times a week. Suspending them by the boots is fine, but it can take over a week to dry them. Expose the lining of your waders to dry air as much as possible. Turn them inside-out and let them be exposed to the sun and wind for an hour or two. Don't overdo it. If the boots are very wet, try running the exhaust hose from a vacuum cleaner inside them for ten or fifteen minutes or until dry. You can even put them near the car heater outlet (not exhaust) in a pinch.

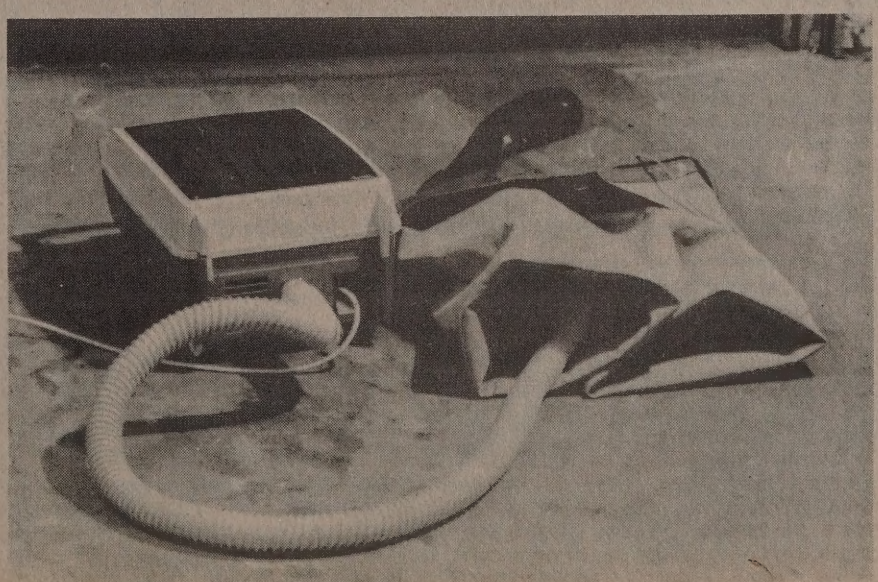
Another trick that keeps your tootsies drier is to use a pair of inner soles. They have all kinds on the market—some with arch supports, wool ones, foam ones, innersoles with deodorant, etc. Steer towards a pair that will absorb moisture and can be dried. If your boot has a poor arch support, by all means get innersoles that have them. I keep an extra pair with me on extended trips. One pair lays on the dashboard next to the defroster outlets. If the buggy smells like your feet, it's a small price to pay for dry comfort the next night. This method will give you a dry innersole each night. By the way, if you spend a lot of time in the buggy, take your waders off. Nothing short of a leak makes your feet wetter than to sit in a vehicle for an hour or two with the heater blowing on your waders.

Keeping dry. Wearing a belt with your waders is nothing short of good sense. For safety's sake, it will help prevent your waders from filling up should you take that wrong step or topple over. Besides serving as a carryall for gaffs, stringers, etc., your belt also helps carry your waders. Of all the equipment, rods and all that you carry, your waders are the heaviest. Shoulder straps are fine, but your hip bones are better equipped to carry the load in comfort. There are some inexpensive, well-made belts on the market that will fit the bill fine. I know a frugal editor who used an elastic tie-down cord that did the job for under a buck.

One final note on wading. As long as you're going for comfort, keep your socks up. One of the other minor annoyances of wading was having your socks unroll to your toes as you're walking. I found it amazing that the toes can do that all by themselves, but nonetheless I was annoyed. Someone told me out on a bar one night to tuck my pants into my socks. That guy impressed me with some good common sense. He must have thought I was crazy trying to reach in my waders while standing in water up to my knees. I've taken that advice and ever since the socks stay up.



Wearing a belt serves two purposes. It stops water from filling your waders due to an accidental dunking. Second, it takes some of the weight from your shoulder straps and supports it on your hips. However, the belt does stop air circulation below the waist and will increase sweating.



To dry out wet wader boots, turn them inside out as much as possible. Put your vacuum cleaner hose on EXHAUST and let the warm air from your vacuum cleaner circulate until they're dry.

East End Report

by Stu Miller

MONTAUK

The great codfishing now starts to share the limelight with striped bass and the first sharks of the year. However, codfishing remains entrenched as the heavy catch still.

Captain Frank Mundus of the charter boat **Cricket II** left a message on our answering machine that his group over the weekend had 8 blue shark. These were the first sharks that we've heard of being caught anywhere on Long Island so far this season. For further details, call Frank at the number in Shark charter service ad.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the 6 man limit open boat **Waxed** says he has located porgies ready to bite.

Dan Lupoli and Charlie Weeks celebrated Memorial Day weekend with this catch of cod to 45 lbs. All were caught on skimmers at the CIA grounds aboard Dan's Night Hawk which berths at Offshore Sports Marina in Montauk.

Flounder, sea bass and blacks will fill out the catch, but the quest is definitely for silver. Bud advises customers to sharpen their porgy hooks. He shoves off at 6AM daily.

Captain Jack Passie's charter boat **Windy**, now hunting for striped bass, scored Wednesday night with 5 fish and Thursday night with 2 fish. The stripers are ranging from 27 to 32 lbs. and since 5 more fish were dropped at the boat and 4 others lost further from the boat the skipper can well ascertain that there are decent numbers of bass there. Jack's parties have been trolling plugs on wire at Pollack Rip and Great Eastern.

Fred Johnson and group fishing aboard the charter boat **Julie III** had 57 flounder from 1½ to 4 lbs. 3 oz. plus 3 porgies at Culloden, on Monday. Tuesday's charter for Dom Felieu and party scored with 73 flounder from 1¾ to 3¾ lbs., same area, on clam and mussel.

Codfishing continues fabulous, advised Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios,** at CIA on Bait. A few pollack are also being taken on diamond jigs. Wednesday's trip for Dr. Bruce Hopper and Frank the codfather decked 40 cod from 25 to 40 lbs. The rest of the week was spent bass fishing at the Point which brought in a few bass and blues. Bass are still tough to catch with all the bait in the water. Phil also saw 3 big cow bass chasing bait up on top. Plugs and diamond jigs were tried but the fish weren't that hungry, but THEY ARE THERE.

Still some good codfishing, advises Capt. Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** during the early part of the week catches averaged 10-12 cod a man at Cartwright. A good Sunday's codding was had with an average of 7-10 cod a man for 14 passengers at Cartwright but on this day 4 of the cod were over 40 lbs.

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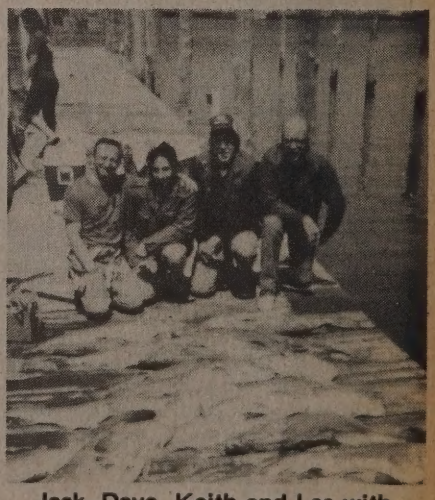

Jack, Dave, Keith and Les with some of the 40 big cod, largest was a 54 lber., taken aboard the Montauk charter boat "Vivienne." They also had 5 large pollack.

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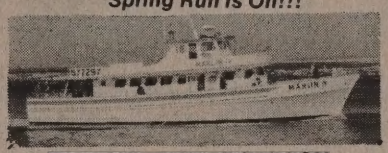

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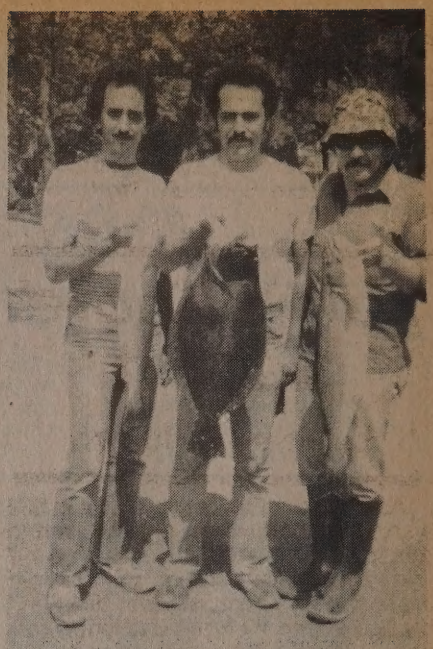

Rocco Salerno, Anthony De-Bartolo, and Tom Caracciolo with weaks and a 10 lb. fluke taken near buoy 17 in Peconic Bay. The trio fished out of Noyac Marina.

Gardiner's Island. Last year, June 17 saw the boat's biggest fluke of the season, a 14 lber. caught. June is usually a big fish month. Fluke in the 8, 10 and 12 lb. class usually start being caught around this time. The porgy fishing continues to improve and all you need are the right weathe conditions to get to the fish.

Bayview Fishing Station in Sag Harbor had their skiifs bringing in decent catches of 8-10 lb. weakfish from Mashomack Pt. right through Friday, fish continuing to take Tiger Tails and Tri-Fin foamed Deep Swimmers, both lures tipped with squid. Flounder of 1½ to 2 lbs. and blacks of 3-4 lb. average are being caught at Tobaccolot Bay.

The **Capt. Clark II** sailing from Shinnecock Canal reports Peconic Bay weakfish have slowed down and the big weaks are leaving the area. The summer run of smaller weaks should start sometime in early July. Porgy action has been fair to very good and some blackfish to 5 lbs. being taken on most trips. The skipper plans to make several ocean wreck trips for sea bass, blacks, and ling. If fish populations on the ocean wrecks warrant it, Clark will be fishng them several days a week. Call for further info.

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flounder. Adult Div. weakfish: 1st - Paul Kalowsi, Cutchogue, 13.14; 2nd - Mike Cuba, Hampton Bays, 12 lbs.; 3rd - Dick Botto, North Haven, 11.12. Weakfish Jr. Div: 1st - Jason Stath, Richmond Hills, Queens, 9.14 ; 2nd - Sharon McLaren, East Hampton, 9. 12; 3rd - Tom Sobbheh, North Sea, 8.13.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

As bad as the last two weekends were, they both paled in comarison to this past weekends deluge of wind and rain. Fishing station owners told of spending most of the weekend trying to keep their skiffs afloat, open boat owners either stayed tied to the dock or sailed under poor conditions with few anglers aboard, and tackle shop owners were soured by losses in the bait department. Most fishing reports came as a result of the mild weather of mid-week with few anglers venturing out since Thursday.

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

One fish that did cooperate for the few anglers that got out on Saturday on Moriches Bay were the flounder which resulted in catches of 30-50 fish for a couple of boats sailing out of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station**. Gary, of the station, said that prior to the weekend storm fluke had made a strong showin between buoys 36 & 39 and scattered blues had put in their appearance. Spearing, sandeels and squid were all effective on the fluke during the week.

"The wind and rain wreaked havoc out here" according to Larry at **L & M Marine**. Amidst all the confusion over the weekend, two anglers did somehow manage to return with 96 flatties on Saturday morning. Last reports indicate a good body of fluke

Nerino Persic and friends with the 13' thresher shark they took last summer aboard the Moriches charter boat "Seamist."

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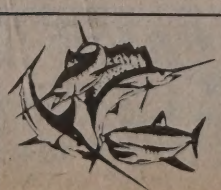

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George Bortcheller and the crew aboard his Rough Rider with a catch of blues made last season outside of Moriches Inlet. Photo courtesy of Dick's Bait & Tackle in Mastic Beach.

in the bay but the most recent action here goes back to Thursday.

Over at **Skidmore's Fishing Station**, Jim DeVita labelled the flounder fishing as real good through Thursday. Fluke catches during the week ranged between 15 and 20 flatties per boat but here again, nothin more recent than last Thurday. All of the action has been in the deep water south of 36. Jim probably best described the weekend's weather conditions when he called it a "wash and rinse."

Over in the Mastic Beach area Gary of **Stiriz's Fishing Station** said that they spent mostof the week bailing out boats. All the wind, rain and moon tide added up to a big fat zero. Prior to all the weather, Gary said that both fluke and weakfish had made a good showing.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Over at **South Bay Fishing Station** in W. Sayville, Vinny spoke of some weaks at Ocean Beach at mid-week prior to the storm. Small blues showing in the early morning hours but this too was wiped out by the weekend weather. Best bet for fluke when the weather settles is in the channel from Point O' Woods west.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sport Center** in Oakdale made short work of the salt water reports by simply declaring things a total loss. He did however, have some freshwater news. In all of Sunday's rain, Carl Masbrut, 15 years old, Charlie Fucci, 13 years old, too largemouths of 3.2 and 3.4 pounds out of nearby Byron Lake on Rapalas. A few nice trout coming out of Bubbles Falls and also off of the park wall on nightcrawlers. On Saturday, Al Cross clicked with a 2½ pound brown and a 2 pound rainbow from the wall.

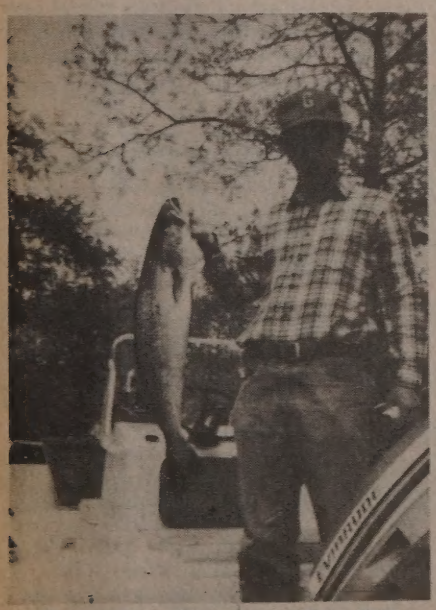
Moving down to the Bay Shore area, Capt. Neil Delanoy of the open boat **Casey Lee** said that fluking held

up good during the week at Sexton Island, Snake Hill Channel and West Channel. Most are in the 1½ to 3 pound range and were taken on sandeel and squid combos. Fishing was good through Friday but the weekend was pretty much lost to the weather.

Carl Miler of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in Bay Shore touched up on the local fishing scene during the week. The best of the fluke fishing seemed to be between the bridge and the Inlet while weakfishing showed signs of coming to life in West Channel and at Ocean Beach. Also through Thursday, a few bass taken on live eels in Fire Island Inlet and good blackfishing at both the Kismet and Oak Beach reefs. Carl knew first hand that there were loads of bait with 4-6 pound blues among it in 40-60' of water outside of Fire Island Inlet on Thursday. Carl and friends jigged the fish two at a time with jig and tube combos. He reminded that he does have eels in stock for bass fans and will have fiddlers in by this weekend.

The big storm had an adverse affect on the activity around the Captree Boat Basin over the weekend while some boats did manage to sail crowds were light and conditions made for difficult fishing. Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the open boat **Capt. Joseph II** fought the wind, rain and moon tides on Saturday but still managed to pick away and wound up with a fair catch of fluke on Saturday. Prior to the storm, weakfishing showed noticeable signs of improvement but four days of east winds brought it to an abrupt end. The skipper commented that we will just have to wait until the weather clears to see if it redevelops.

Capt. Carl Pissaro of the **Jib VI** did sail on Saturday and Sunday despite the weather and light crowds. He worked the State Channel and the



Frank Esposito weighed in this 10.9 lb. weak at Peppy's Bait & Tackle in East Islip. It was caught at Ocean Beach on a red jelly worm.

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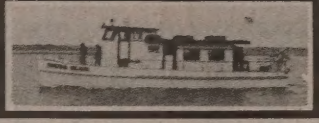

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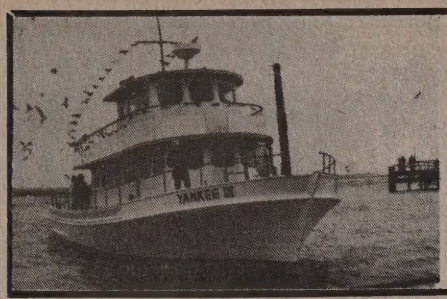

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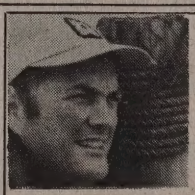

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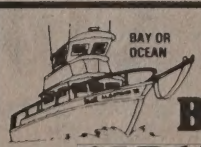

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R.M. Bridge finding larger fish at the latter location. The skipper said that he found surprisingly lively action on the last of the Ebb both days. Capt. Carl asked that we remind customers that he is currently sailing two half day trips on Saturday and Sunday between 8AM and noon & 1PM and 5PM. Weekday trips will remain full days until later in the month when he will sail two trips daily.

Ski Kochanski of **Augie's Bait & Tackle** in Babylon lamented the run of lousy weather that pretty much shut down the fishing scene over the weekend. Going back prior to the storm, weakfishing livened up off of Atlantique with Fred Austin, of the shop, taking 4 on Tuesday. Al Kaich ran his Hunky to the same area on Thursday and returned with one of the better weakfish catches in a long time. He and his crew put 9 tiderunners aboard using sandworms and jelly worms. Ski knew of big blues from the Whistle buoy on out with smaller choppers inshore between 40 & 60'. Small blue sharks in the 80-90 pound class taken between 150-180' of water. Small blues in the bay prior to the blow being trolled on umbrella rigs fitted with a #35 spoon squid. These fish stretch from Ocean Beach down to the Lighthouse. Ski also knew of some big bass to 41 pounds livelined on eels in the inlet during the week.

Gil at **Capt. Jack's East** in Lindenhurst told of good fluking from west channel to the inlet area prior to the storm. He did note that more shorts are beginning to mix in. The **Babylon Captains Assoc.** fluke clinic slated for this past weekend was obviously rained out. It will be held instead on Saturday, June 12, between 7 & 9 PM at the Babylon Town Dock.

Down the road at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle** Mike chalked up the salt water scene as a total loss since last Thursday. He did know of some nice pickerel taken on live killies in Southards Pond over the weekend.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

From Amity Harbor, Capt. Jack Stoddard with **Capt. Jack's West** told of Jerry Roach who took 6 fluke and a 4.6 pound blackfish out of the State Channel during the week. He used squid and sandeel combos for the flatties. He also knew of 4-5 pound bluefish in 60-70' of water outside the inlets. Big alligators are further off in 150-160' of water.

Capt. Brian of the Seaford open boat **Chinco II** spoke of very good fluking during the week. On Thursday's trip, Bill Serwotke took the pool with a 5.2 pound fish. Most days, fares averaged 8-15 fish per man. On slower days catches ranged between 3 & 8 fish a man. 60% of the fish being taken are keepers with all of the local channels and bridges producing.

Friday thru Sunday was tagged a washout by John at **Pop's Fishing**

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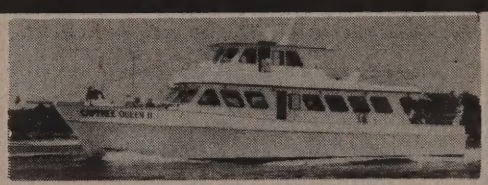

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Station in Seaford. He called the fluking during the week good with about a 50% keeper ratio and was pleased with the way the run has been developing. On Wednesday John "Duck Boat" Stoehr returned to the station with 15 fluke up to 3¾ pounds. He returned on Thursday to take 9 more. Walter Scott and Ben Rudaitas took a 9 pound bluefish along with 8 keeper fluke at Squaw Island on Wednesday. They used both sandeels and killies.

Lon Wanser told me from **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in Seaford that flounder fishing remained decent during the week near both the second and third bridges. He termed the fluking in the same area as well as in Sloop Channel and The State Channel as good and added that a few school bass are now being clam chummed back in the bay.

All of Sunday's rain did not deter Hank Mellenchuck and Stan Kacprzycki from working over the fluke population near the Fundy Bridge and at Merrick Point. According to Jimmy Boulukos of **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick the pair used spearing and sandeels to cull 40 keepers out of a total catch of 90 fluke. Jimmy had some striper news also. Buddy Holmes used a live bunker to take a 33 pound bass Thursday AM and Marty Britt clam chummed what was the first bass of the season for the Nicks Point Tuna Club. He took a 4-pounder on Sunday. Jimmy repeated other reports of 4-6 pound bluefish outside the inlet with bigger fish the further off you go.

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Fluke remains the hottest item in this area right through this rotten weekend we've just expereinced which indicates the fish are firmly entrenched in these waters.

Starting with the fleet out of Freeport, we learned that the **Capt. Lou Fleet** had very good fluking all week long with the full day boat enjoying high hooks ranging from the high teens to the low 20s. Regulars Ma and Pa sailed Wednesday and Thursday aboard the CL III and totaled 49 keeper fluke for the two days. The total catch for Thursdays trip was 483 keeper fluke, said Capt. Mike Dannon. While Saturday's fishing slowed due to conditions, Sunday's rebounded with Valley Stream angler John De Rosa hoisting

22 keepers. Elliot Baum was happy with his 19 keepers and Bernie Levine had a big grin with 14 keeper fluke, including the 5 lb. pool fish. A lot of fishing was done just outside Jones Inlet and a lot was done Wednesday outside Riis Park on sand eels, quid and killies. The fleet's half day boat, **CL IV** with Capt. Doug doing the honors, had Marty the Magnet with 12 keeper fluke on the Thursday morning trip. Al Bananas had 15 keepers on Thursday afternoon's trip. On Friday, Pearl a regular had 16 keepers. Sunday morning's trip was a slaughter with Freeport angler Dick Holligan with 16 keepers. There's plenty of action and plenty of throwbacks and plenty of keepers says the skipper and he figures there's roughly a 50 per cent keeper ratio.

Lots of fluke around advised Larry of **Mako Marina** as evidenced by Bob Garraputa's catch which gave him a mess of big fillets after fishing off the Rockaways in 30' or 40' of water.

Despite the evil weekend, our Association boats had fluke advised Dockmaster Bob Kay of the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** and there was roughly a 50 percent keeper ratio. Fish are ranging from keepers on up to 4 lbs. The charter boat **Barbara Ann** trolled some nice bluefish in the 4-8 lb. range at the HA on umbrellas. Big schools of blues are moving up the coast.

Super Spray II continues to bag fluke fishing Reynolds Channel and off the beaches. Please note that their next scheduled cod wreck trip is Saturday, June 19, rescheduled fromk Sunday, June 20.

Wednesday's flounder trip was really enjoyed by the West End school 5th graders from Lynbrook, said Captain Sy Carlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet,** with the catch including a 4 lb. blackfish for Ken Hickey and a 2 lb. flattie for Craig Wulff. Friday's charter for Trane Co. had a very good fluke catch with Risa Cohen nabbing 11 keepers including the 5 lb. pool fish. Roy Nazinitsky was high hook with 19 keepers. Saturday's trip for Hanover Bank in the rain and wind saw Bill Remien take the pool plus high hook honors. Sunday's trip for Happy Hookers Fishnig Club saw good fluking with Don Senneville taking 17 keeper fluke. Eric Giesel won the pool with a 4 lber. Best action was Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet. Some blacks and flounder were caught to fill in the spaces at Meadowbrook and off the CG station.

Captain Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** had trips Saturday for Ken Walkers Assoc., NYC on Saturday and Sunday for Grumman Aerospace. Good fluking was had on both days, especially in the AM with fluke to 4 lbs. taken in local bays and creeks on squid and spearing, even in the bad weather.

From the **Captain Gary** we hear that Sunday's trip for a Plainview Fire Dept. Engine 3 had a good day with fluke with the 3½ lb. pool fish being

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caught by Bill Lennon with high hook honors of 11 keepers going to Peter Paorniama. Gary fished Swift Creek, Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet. Loads of short fish around but enough keepers to fill a bucket also. Gary says he has some choice July and August weekend dates still available.

Saturday's trip for Fubbs Pub, Uniondale aboard the charter boat **Mickey II** saw good fluking at Jones Inlet and later around the Meadowbrook bridge. Fish averaged 2-3 lbs. and out of 200 fish caught, 60 were keepers. It was a rain/slash/wind/tide nightmare but the fish which committed suicide preferred the spearing, sand eel and squid tempters.

The **Capt. Al** has now switched over to bluefishing. See ad for sailing times.

Bluefishing has been very good, said Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II**. Wednesday and Thursday's trips very good as evidenced by Paul Lapinski of Garden City with the 35 blues he collected Wednesday. These were 3-10 lb. fish taken SW of Farms just 1 hr. 40 mins. from the dock. On Sunday's trip, high hook was 12 blues. On Thursday, Chester Whinley and son of Freeport had 80 blues between them. Bob Bennett of Hicksville and Gene Roth of Queens had 60 blues. These fish all fell to diamond jigs.

Captain Dan of the charter boat **Nan-Sea** called to say that a weekday bluefish trip for Ed Bernahardi, a 4-man charter fishing SE of the inlet in 110' of water had over 300 lbs. of 8-15 lb. chummed blues. The fish are obviously here.

Plenty of blues, corroborated Ronnie Feuring at **Sea Isle Sports** in 40' of water in the 3½-5 lb. range. Bigger fish being caught in 85' of water, fish up to 12 lbs. on trolled umbrella rigs and wire. Ronnie says there appears to be a big body of blues from the Farms south to Atlantic City and all we need is some decent weather to go out and hit on 'em.

Over in Baldwin, **Arthur Street Fishing Station** says fluke were brought in right through Sunday from boats working Reynolds and the area off short beach. Blues are being caught off the White Condo (formerly the pink hotel) in the 3-6 lb. range on wire and umbrellas in 40' to 50' of water. Flounder still being caught mainly at Scow Creek and the hole in the bay on worms.

Down in Point Lookout, we note that the open boat **Miss Point Lookout** has been having good fluking all during the early part of the week on their two half-day trips daily schedule. High hooks have been 15 keeper fluke or more per trip. Rich, a regular fished Wednesday and Thursday and took the pool both days with fish in the 4 and 5 lb. range. On Saturday, Ed Larsen walked off the boat with 19 keepers while his buddy Andy had 18 keepers including the 5 lb. 2 oz. pool fish. Spearing, sand eels and fluke belly did the job. The boat has been

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fishing outside of Jones Inlet, Reynolds Channel and in the back. The skipper advises that the boat is gearing up for the soon to come night bluefishing which will probably start around June 25.

The Point Lookout charter boat **Marie III** with Saturday's group fished Garretts Lead and Reynolds channel and had over 200 fluke, 40 per cent of which were keepers on squid, sand eels and spearing. Outgoing was best and a lot of 2-4 lbers. were swung over the rail. Sunday's trip for the Double T Fishing Club saw 75 keepers out of roughly 175 fish. The pool honors went to Steve Kearny Jr. of Massapequa Park with a 4 lb. fluke. Vince Morrison, a visitor from Ireland on his first fishing trip took 7 keepers. Catches were on spearing, killies and squid.

Ed's Fishing Station had 6 skiffs out Sunday and they had up to 1 dz. keepers per boat, these being 18-20 inch fish. Incoming was best through a half hour after the change. Monday through Friday saw good fluking with 12-18 keepers a boat and a 25 percent keeper ratio. Reynolds Channel seemed to be the hotspot on killies, spearing, squid and sand eels. Flounder still being caught off the CG station and in Swift Creek, fish running in the 1½ lb. range.

Further west at Atlantic Beach, Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** advises good fluking still holding strong through buoys 8/10 and off Riis Park, along with a lot of midgets. Flounder still being taken in the deep hole 1,000' east of the Atlantic Beach bridge. Lots of small blues on umbrellas in 30' to 40' of water off the Rockaway shore line. Some bass around the bridge, but on the small side on wire and bucktail. Some stripers off the white condo on spoons and plugs.

Further west at **Long Beach Sports Marina** we hear the fluke continue best at Debs, buoys 1, 3, and 9 and Duck Point. Catches were very good there through Friday, the station's Proline and Dory fleet have been averaging 10-20 keeper fluke per boat. Most of the fish are in the 2 lb. area with sand eels and spearing working best. Larger fish have been taking the live killies on the first two hours of the ebb. Some blowfish have been hitting the squid. At the Tin Can, some stripers to 21 lbs. have been trolled and also some bluefish in the 12 lb. range.

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Cross Bay Bait and Tackle in Howard Beach says that along with some fluke and porgies being taken off both bridges, lots of blues are being taken from these same bridges at night on chunk bunker, with the blues running 10-12 lbs.

Over in Jamaica Bay **J-Bay Boat Rentals** tells of bluefish in the 3 lb. category hitting Hopkins tossed to them behind the radar pier at JFK. Trolled schoolie bass are hitting June Bug spinners in the same place.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Walt Weigand on the head boat **Flamingo III** tells of his first bluefish trip Sunday which was sloppy weatherwise but decent fish wise with several fares scoring in the low 20s. Catches averaged 8-12 blues a man, fish in the 2-6 lb. range, all on jigs. Action is local at the Tin Can grounds and the skipper says there is a large stretch of fish. There are more fish to the south and their coming up in huge numbers said Walt and it looks like a good blue season ahead. All that's needed is some decent weather and sea conditions to get to them.

Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** tells us that lots of blues are at the Tin Can being umbrellaed and diamond jigged with most fish up to 7 lbs. with a few biggies mixed in. Lots of fluke off the Coney Island flats and Riis Park with a 50-50 keeper ratio. Some 4-5 lbers. mixed in and a lot of 1½ to 2 lb. fish being caught.

Across the water in Staten Island, **Santo's Sport Shop** reports there are still plenty of fluke being caught right up to the weekend at Flynn's Knoll and that this fishing should resume with a few days of normal weather. Sand eels, squid and spearing are doing the job here for boat fishermen drifting along with the breeze.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

At last it seemed like the old saying "No matter how bad it is, it could always be worse" failed. It's hard to see how the weather could possibly have been worse over the weekend. All stations along the north shore of the island reported a virtually impossible weekend, thanks to rainfall amounts that ran from 6 to over 10 inches and strong northeast and east winds. Speculation on the time it will take for fishing to return to normal tended to be conservative, with a three day period as a popular guess.

WESTERN SOUND

Bluefish showed in deep water off Mamaroneck on Friday, according to John Palmieri at **John's Gun and Tackle** in New Rochelle. The same body of fish could also be found from Connecticut down to Execution Light and Hempstead Harbor, said Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on City Island. Choppers are generally 5-7 pound fish.

On the blackfish scene, Rumpf weighed a 14 pound tautog on Wednesday and said that Hart's Island and Steppingstone were very productive.

Bass fishing was very much on the minds of the anglers in the Glen Cove area with liveliners doing quite well on big fish before the storm. Capt. Mead Whitewater put a 41 pound 7 ounce fish on the scale at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** to lead their 1982 contest in that category. Tomcollery came in some hours later with 38 and 40 pound 6 oz linesiders. Other contest leaders include Pete Bailey with an 11 pound weakfish, Glen Cohen with an 8 pound 15 ounce tautog, Doug Cohen with a 3 pound 7 ounce winter flounder, Jennifer Steinman with a two pound two once fluke, Mike Riccardi with a 2 pound 7 ounce mackerel, Xavier Aufiero with a 1½ pound trout, and J. Germano with a 2 pound 10 ounce porgy.

Other reports from the Glen Cove area before the blow included school blues to 5 pounds from Bayville to Pt. Washington and big flounder near the Lilco plant in Hempstead Harbor.

The **North Star** from City Island worked in Oyster Bay Harbor over the weekend and flound a mix of porgies,

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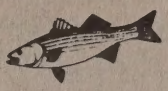

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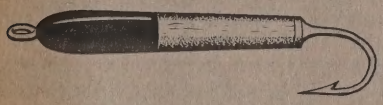

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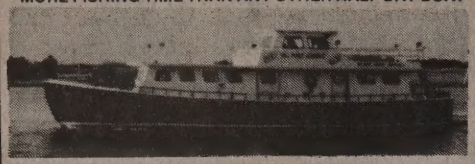

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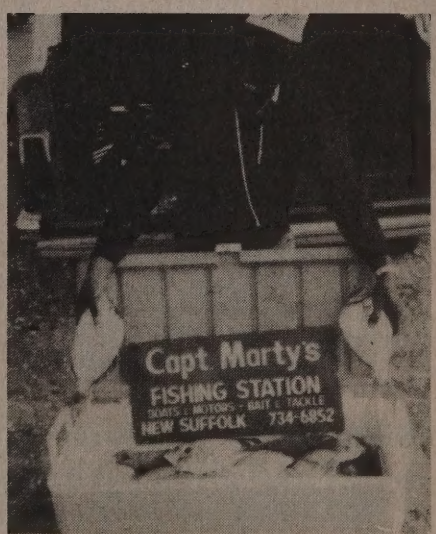

Lee Cardwell with a cooler full of big porgies and 2 weaks that he caught at buoy 18 in Peconic Bay. He fished out of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station in New Suffolk.

blackfish and flounder with typical catches up to 2 dozen fish per fare. The **Apache** stayed in the lee of Lloyd's and the mouth of Oyster Bay where there were blackfish over the mussel bottom. Catches ranged up to 15 tautog per fare with the biggest fish around 6 pounds. Porgies were spotty. The **Klondike VIII** should be ready for sailing from Pelham by the middle of next month. Pete Pearson will be out of action until then.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Those who fished live bunker and eels in the Cold Spring Harbor/Huntington zone were seeing number of bass in the 20's and 30's, according to George Valentine at **Four Winds**. Last week's fish included Eric Ambrosio's 26¼ pound bass and Pete Parasco's 18½ pound striper. Schoolies were still being trolled on worms. **Huntington Prop** said that big bass were also taken around the lighthouse along with some bluefish. Bunker chunks were a good idea.

Porgies were available in the area as well. Off Sand City the fish were small, but there were some larger scup off Buoys 2 through 6 around Marshall Field. Fish to 1½ pounds were caught until Friday.

Fair fishing with umbrella rigs was to be found for blues to 4 pounds in Smithtown Bay and off Makamha, but surfcasters had a definite edge.

The warm water discharge around the Lilco plant was fine for blues to 7 pounds and more, according to Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport. Light sinkers and bunker chunks made this fishing almost like flounder action. Tins and whiptails were also scoring well.

Just to the east of the mouth of Crab Meadow Creek were a few big weakfish. Numbers ranged to 45 fish per angler per day for those who tossed 4½ inch jointed rebels at the swirling fish.

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The **Caraftis Station** at Port Jefferson saw a few porgies off Oldfield before the rain, with blues and weaks off Buoy 11. John guesses that there's

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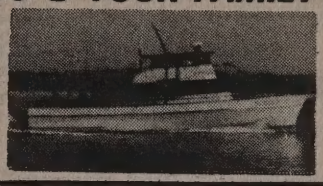

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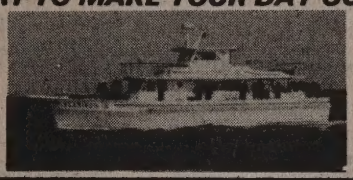

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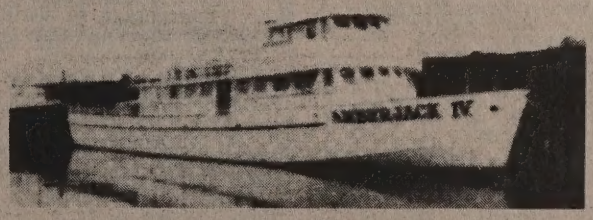

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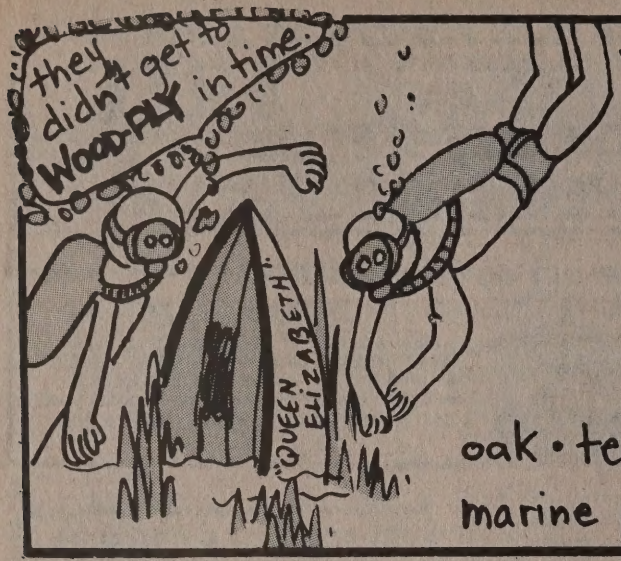

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In Mount Sinai there were some nice porgies up to 2 pound close to shore, and Dick Brown at **Dick's** also saw a mix of weakss, bass and blues just off the beaches. Cordells, Rebels, and tins were all producing well, and Brown hopes that the action will return within a few days.

NORTH FORK

The hot action on the Sound between Wading River and Horton's ended on Friday, but a lot of anglers had good innings on patches of mackerel, bass, and bluefish, according to **Warren's** in Aquebogue. There were blackfish off Mattituck Inlet and the fluke have been there for a week or more.

A slight resurgence of weakfish in the South Race gave an optimistic tinge to the report from Sal Loria at **Capt. Marty's**. The Middle Grounds were a good bet for porgies with a number of good sized fish before the storm.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** thought the porgies were larger in the South Ferry and Cedar Point areas now, and that the sea porgies are shifting eastwards. There were weaks and fluke off the Greenlawns.

With the traps off Orient showing catches of fluke and weaks, Truman's action is expected momentarily. Mackerel came through the East Marion area on Friday and there were still spots for flounder off Petty's.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** took a pause from the worries of pumping a basement to tell us that the flounder action down Gardiner's way was still fine. A check with Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** confirmed this. Jensen had found fish in deep and shallow water off the Ruins with a few blacks mixed in. Numbers were good and sizes were 1¼ pound average. A Friday of weakfishing for Jensen produced eight weaks and two blues off Hay Beach, Shelter Island. Jensen is looking for an overdue second run of blues into the Peconic Bays now with the easterly blow. A charter forthe crew from **Shane's Marine** had more than 200 flounder averaging 2 pounds north of Gardiners.

DaveBrennan broved the storm on Sunday with the **Peconic Star** and went porgy fishing up in the bay out of the wind. The result was a couple of dozen scup. He'll have to leave the flounder now and pursue silver, because of the demands of the fares,

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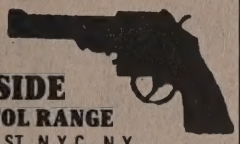

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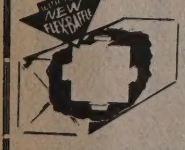

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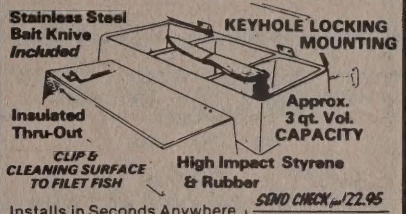
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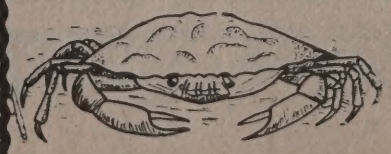

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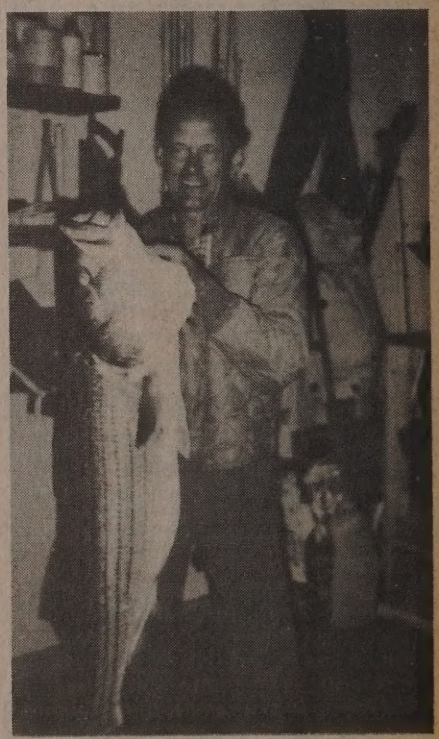
even though the flatfish action is quite a bit better. New London is still not ready yet, says Brennan, who found only a handful of small fish there last week. Incidentally, Brennan expects the general action to improve first off Gardiners after the blow, but it's a "hunting process" in any case.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

Those who depend on weekends to put in their surf time have hardly gotten the season off the ground thanks to three consecutive doses of strong east winds and accompanying rains. This weekend's storm was the clincher and really put a lid on whatever activity took place during the week. Needless to say, any reports I was able to come up with occurred prior to the storm.

Over on Staten Island, that run of big blues between south beach and Midland continued during the week with many fish from 10-15 pounds weighed in along with an occasional weakfish. Both the blues and weaks



William Bender, of St. James, hefts the 40 lb. striper he took from the Cedar Beach surf on a white jelly worm. Bill caught the big cow back on May 25. Subscriber photo.

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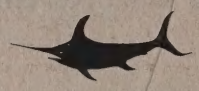

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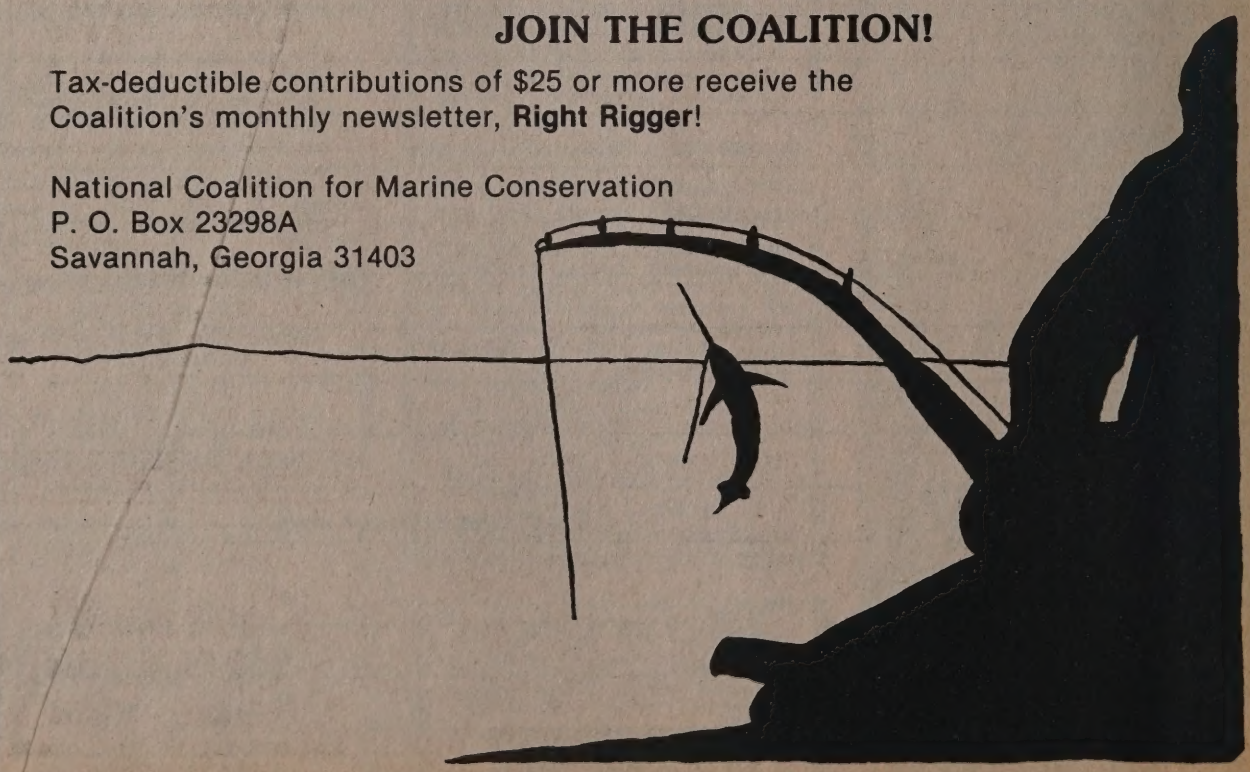

are being taken evenings on bunker chunks with popping plugs apparently losing their effectiveness. Kevin noted too that there are lots of bunker through the area and he's hoping that the bait will hold fish in the area. He knew of bass still being taken at Ft. Tilden as of Saturday morning. Those fish too are being taken on bunker chunks and range from 20 up to 43 pounds. Action has been on the last of the outgoing and first of incoming.

Working our way east, Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in Lynbrook weighed in a 26 pound striper taken on a live eel early Saturday from Ft. Tilden. Charlie knew of several other big fish taken from the Rockaway's and at West End too during the course of the week on live eels and Gibbs swimmers.

Jason Colby of Long Beach continues to work over the local striper population dividing his time between Point Lookout and Jones Beach Wednesday night and Friday morning he managed five stripers all on bunker chunks. The five fish ranged from 25-30 pounds.

That pick of big bass in the Cedar Beach area apparently fizzled this week. There were however, a couple of big blues in the 12 pound class taken on bunker chunks at Gilgo during mid-week. "Poppy of **Suffolk Marine Bait and Tackle** who relayed the Gilgo report said that he has heard nothing since the winds came east late last week.

Shinnecock Inlet produced some bass in the 20 pound class on live eels prior to the weekend. Thom of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton who reported this labelled the weekend a total disaster due to the weather.

Way out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** knew of a few husky schoolies taken during mid-week on False Bar and at Jones. Vito Orlando and L.I.F. contributor John Fritz had a couple of 10 pound fish on Thursday night. East winds made the point totally unfishable according to John.

A very quiet week in the Huntington area according to Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** in Huntington. Ron had no word of any action prior to this week's storm and obviously nothing over the weekend.

Stan Henchel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** weighed in a couple of fine stripers in between blows. Tommy Sobik used a jointed red fin to take a 35 pound cow from the beach west of Mt. Sinai Tuesday night. Dave Bunai took a 26 pounder Friday morning in the Port Jeff area on a dropper fished ahead of a Rebel.

Out on the north fork, Ed Kopchak of **Warren's Bait and Tackle** in Aquebogue labelled the surf scene as real quiet thanks to the unsettled weather. I did receive one report however that yellow, jointed Red Fins accounted for a few bass in the 20 pound range just prior to the most recent blow. These fish reportedly came from the Riverhead area.

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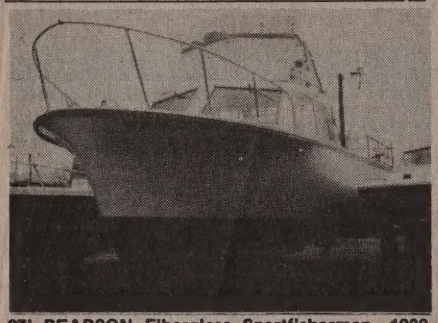

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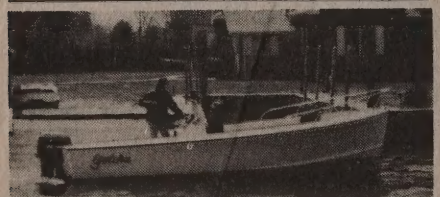

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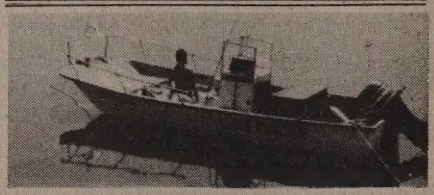

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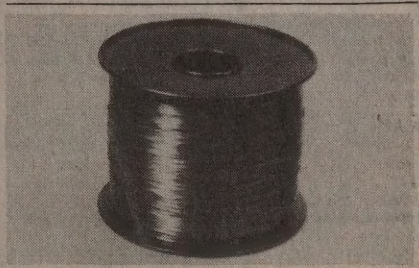

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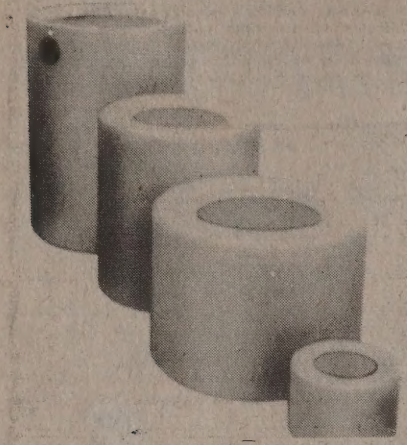

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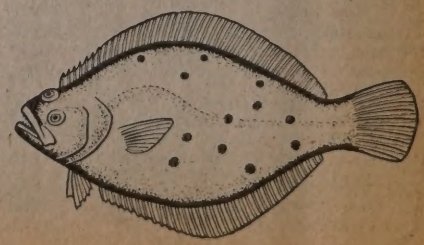

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	11:05	11:15	11:55	–	–	12:05	12:10	12:55	1:50	2:25	2:05	2:40	11:10	11:25	6/10
FRI.	11:45	11:55	12:10	12:45	11:50	12:45	12:50	1:40	2:25	3:05	2:45	3:20	11:55	–	6/11
SAT.	–	12:35	12:50	1:30	12:30	1:30	1:35	2:35	3:10	3:45	3:30	4:05	12:10	12:45	6/12
SUN.	12:45	1:25	1:40	2:20	1:15	2:10	2:25	3:20	4:00	4:35	4:15	4:50	1:00	1:35	6/13
MON.	1:35	2:15	2:30	3:15	2:00	2:55	3:25	4:15	4:50	5:25	5:05	5:40	1:50	2:30	6/14
TUE.	2:30	3:10	3:25	4:10	2:50	3:45	4:20	5:05	5:45	6:20	6:05	6:35	2:50	3:25	6/15
WED.	3:30	4:10	4:25	5:05	3:50	4:45	5:20	5:55	6:45	7:15	7:00	7:30	3:45	4:20	6/16
THUR.	4:35	5:10	5:20	6:00	5:00	5:45	6:15	6:45	7:45	8:15	8:00	8:25	4:40	5:10	6/17

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

6/11	5:24	8:35
6/12	5:24	8:36
6/13	5:24	8:36
6/14	5:24	8:36
6/15	5:24	8:37
6/16	5:24	8:37
6/17	5:24	8:37

Moonrise/Moonset

6/11	–	9:34AM
6/12	12:17AM	10:34AM
6/13	12:49AM	11:36AM
6/14	1:19AM	12:39PM
6/15	1:47AM	1:44PM
6/16	2:15AM	2:51PM
6/17	2:45AM	4:00PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
6/21	6/28	6/6	6/14

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When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.
The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	8:35	2:25	9:05	2:50
Fri.	9:30	3:20	9:55	3:40
Sat.	10:20	4:10	10:45	4:30
Sun.	11:10	5:00	11:40	5:25
Mon.	11:55	5:50	—	6:15
Tues.	12:30	6:30	12:40	6:55
Wed.	1:05	7:15	1:25	7:35
Thurs.	1:50	7:55	2:05	8:25

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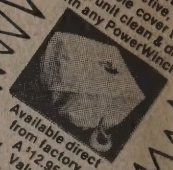

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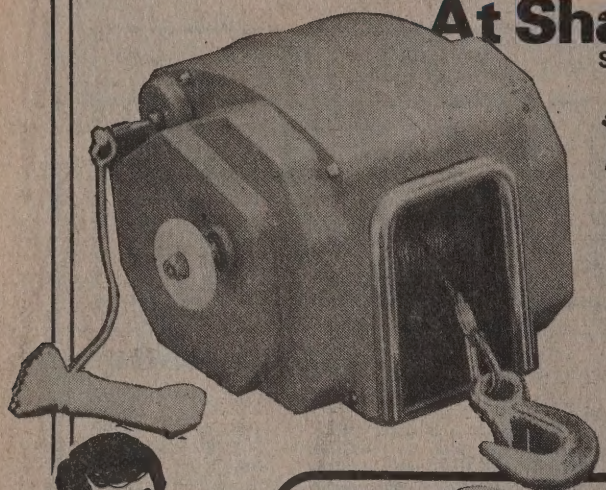

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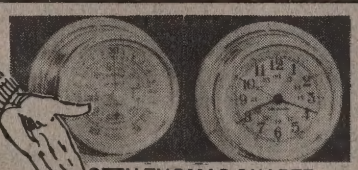

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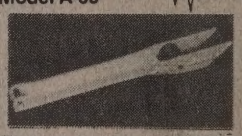

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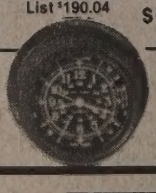

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